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Israeli poll deals blow to peace

Netanyahu poised to take over as prime minister

Derek Brown in Jerusalem and Martin Walker in Washington

INYAMIN Ne tanyahu, a man derided and dismissed as a lightweight for much of his last night on the verge of stag-ing the biggest political upset in Israel's 48-year history by snatching the prime ministerman and Nobel peace laureate Shimon Peres.

The results flowing in from Wednesday's national vote have profound implications for the Middle East peace pro-cess, and for Israel's fragile-land-for-peace deal with the Palestinians, bitterly criticised by Mr Netanyahu.

In an Israel Radio interview broadcast yesterday, the 46-year-old front runner said, in the peace accords. The Palestinians would be offered only limited autonomy in existing self-rule enclaves in the West

Bank and the Gaza Strip. Mr Netanyahu, who has trimmed his earlier vow never to meet Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Pales-tinian president, said he could not ignore facts. But he made it clear that while he was in power, the PLO would never achieve its dream of an independent state.

"I would offer the Palestinians an opportunity to run just about every aspect of their daily lives, with the ex-ception of security and for-eign affairs. That will remain in our hands," he said. He also insisted that Israel

would remain on the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967. Damascus has said that Israel must give back the territory, if there is to be any

hope of peace. In Washington, President Clinton backtracked fast from his earlier support for Mr Peres, to reach out to his likely replacement. Insisting that US policy towards Israel "will remain the same", he said: "The first hig leg of the whole process of peace in the Middle East was completed by one of Mr Netanyahu's Likud

Netanyahu by a whisker...

What they say

enabled Yigal Amir to gun down Yitzhak Rabin was fostered by Binyamin Netanyahu and his cronies." — Commentator Ze'ev Chafets, of the magazine Jerusalem Report.

I keep my suitcases and feel like packing them and disappearing from here very quickly." — Leah Rabin,

"Compared to any politician in Israel, he is head and shoulders above them in world view."— David Bar-Illan, editor, Jerusalem Post.

terested in the comments he made about this, particularly in the last days of the election."

The main concern of US policy is to nurture what it es as its most important strategic achievement, the emergent regional grouping of Israel, Jordan and Turkey. With all the main voting papers counted on the ballot for prime minister, Mr Netanvahu was leading by seventenths of 1 per cent, or slightly more than 21,000

But another 150,000 so-called absence votes remain to be counted today. Cast by serving soldiers, seamen and diplomats, they are considered certain to tip the balance further towards Mr Netanyahu

Today's count, which may have to be continued on Sunday, after the Jewish sabbath, may bring a dramatic reversal of fortune. But that, in the words of one political analyst, would involve "a miracle of biblical proportions".

Already it is clear that Mr

Peres came as close as he did only because of the overwhelming support of Israel's 400,000 Arab voters. Jewish voters, disillusioned with the peace accords and fearful for their security, chose Mr Netanyahu. There was little evidence of

Jewish zealot in Tel Aviv on November 4. But a group of The public climate that demonstrators stood at the assassination site yesterday with a poignant placard that read: "The murderer won". Israel's 4 million voters, having defied all the forecasts in the prime ministerial poll.

have also shaken the political establishment to the core in the parallel vote for the Knesset (parliament). Pointedly spurning Mr Peres's Labour Party and Mr Netanyahu's Likud alliance, they have flocked to the centre, and to Jewish religious parties.

According to current pro-ections, in the new Knesset Labour will have 33 to 37 members out of 120, down from 44, Likud will fare worse, falling from 40 to a projected 31 seats, or fraction ally over a quarter of the total. And 10 of those will be

Three Jewish orthodox groups are among the parties which have prospered. Be-tween them they have won 24 parliamentary seats — 10 more than their combined previous strength. In the cen-ire, Natan Sharansky, the for-mer Soviet dissident hero, has won seven seats with his Russian immigrants' party. Although Mr Netanyahu

has plenty of building blocks for a coalition, he will need all his considerable talent for political manoeuvre to satisfy the demands of potential al-lies for suitable rewards.

The outcome is a personal tragedy for Mr Peres, who has been a leading player in Israeli politics for 50 years and who, at 72, had seemed poised to win his first general elec-tion in no fewer than five at-tempts as leader of the Labour Party.

The extraordinary turnaround must have revived bitter memories of 1981, when he was prematurely announced as the winner, only to see victory snatched by Menachem Begin. This time, Mr Peres has wisely retired to the shadows to await the final verdict, and probable political

one of Mr Netanyahu's Likud the wave of emotion for peace Leader comment, page 8; predecessors. I was quite in that swept the country after David Horowitz, page 9

...with 98% of the votes counted.

Final results will be known later

today when some 150,000

Netanyahu Likud Party

Peres Pabour Party

49.6%

absentee ballots, marry from soldings, are counted.

'Anorexic' models cost Vogue ads



about in the June edition of Vogue (below)

'The thinness of the models is not new or dramatic.

but its effect is shocking all the same'

Commentary

Susie Orbach ******************

WOW. Such are dreams made of. Omega can-cels its ads in Vogue as a protest against the use of skeletal models in the June

Twenty-six years ago a group of women concerned about how the uniformly skinny physical representa-tion of females in advertise-ments and fashion magazines found its way into the consciousness of young girls and women had the glimmer of an idea (now taken for granted) that there was a relationship be-tween eating problems and the image of womanhood portrayed on billboards

Each year as the manne quins got thinner, young women struggled to find a way to mimic those images by transforming their own

The group of concerned women dreamed of boy-

economic power to force women in all their variety and to extend the range of what might be considered

beautiful.

They knew that thinness was just the latest construction. After all, just a generation before, Sophia Loren's voluptuousness had reigned, bringing with it the same kind of distress to women who failed to meet that kind of curvaciousness. But this new aesthetic of thinness was parthetic of thinness was particularly dangerous.
It just happened to coincide with that moment in

history when women were beginning to demand that femininity. they take up more not less & All rights reserved

women attempted to be seen as more than (sexual) objects. The campaigners were in-

effectual. Bulimia, compulsive eating, anorexia entered the vocabulary. We learnt what torture such experiences were. Responsible citizens shook their heads and felt helpless about the pull of the thin imagery on their daugh-

The surprise on looking at the June Vogue is how familiar it all is. The thinness is not new or dramatic but shocking all the same.

It is the pictures of prepu-bescent bodies dressed up to look like sexually available women that magnetise us. The pictures combine vuinerability with an ag-gressive edge. They invite, magnetise and bewilder all

at the same time. But Omega bas withdrawn and hopefully this will set a trend. The work of countless women and men who have

campaigned against the destructive power of such images of women could receive no greater reward than to have a younger generation see pictures of beautiful women in all shapes and sizes representing the full glory of

a jury found her quity of the manslaughter of her husband Malcolm

World News The British received backing

from the West's leading economic think tank.

Finance

Britain's Greg The pound hit new Rusedski was beaten highs on the foreign exchanges after the in straight sets release yesterday by the former of figures showing Wimbledon champion Michael Stich at record-breaking

the French Open.

Sport



Company says 'distasteful' pictures could help push girls into eating disorders

Sarah Boseley

MEGA, the up-mar-ket watch manufac-turers, struck a blow against famine-thin models and junkle chic yes-terday by withdrawing its advertising from the mag Vogue, complaining that the "skeletal appearance" of women in its fashion pages might help push girls into

anorexia.
"I thought it was irresponsible for a leading magazine which should be setting an example to select models of an orexic proportions," said Giles Rees, brand manager, who said he was appalled by what he termed the "extremely distasteful" pictures

of thin scantily-clad women. "It made every effort to ac-centuate their skeletal appear ance. Since Vogue presumably targets an audience which includes young and impression-able females, its creators must surely be aware that they will inevitably be influenced by what laughably passes for

fashion in these pages."

Mr Rees was offended by two fashion features in the June edition of the magazine. A picture on the contents page, captioned "Bay Watch", showed the skinny American model Trish Goff in shorts with a towel draped around her neck, trailing a picture feature illustrating sports wear. The other feature, called "Band Aid", featured Annie Morton in the skimpy, thrown-together, post-Train-spotting junkie look.

Vogue immediately hit back, accusing Omega of pick-ing a fight through the media without coming to it first, al-though Mr Rees said he had ings to Vogue and the trade press. He sent copies to the Eating Disorders Association, "just to let them know some one is on their side".

Alexandra Shulman, Vogue editor, said in a statement that "young women who tend towards anorexia do not get it from magazines, but from feelings of loss of self-worth that are instilled in them long before they are looking at Vogue. To them there is little



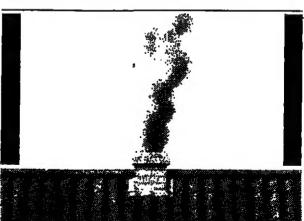
difference between Cindy

Crawford and Trish Goff. They are all just thin." Stephen Quinn, the pub-lisher, said the magazine was careful to seek assurances from agencies on the health of the models it featured. Mr Rees refuted sugges-

tions that he was picking a fight for publicity purposes.
"It is very much a personal
thing." he said. He had
opened the magazine and been shocked at what he saw, although he accepted similar images were used in other magazines. "I just thought, I'm going to take a stand," he sald. Nicolas Hayek, chairman of Omega in Switzerland, backed him.

Nobody in his family had suffered from eating dis-orders, said Mr Rees, who has a six month-old boy, "but my wife was at an all-girls boarding school in Surrey where a girl starved herself to death. The director of the Esting Disorders Association, Joanna Vincent, welcomed that while these sort of media images do not actually cause eating disorders, they contribute to the problem people have in recovering from an-orexia or bulimia," she said. They also make other women feel pretty bad about

their own self-image. "We hope other commercial companies and advertisers will adopt a more responsible



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Sketch

Keeping terror off the roads



Sarah Boseley

the most terrifying ex-perience — no, tell the truth — the three most terrifying experiences of my life. The second was the most

memorable. Rigid with fright, I had steered my way toler ably well around the round-Hampshire in the family's ancient but beloved Standard Then we pulled up in a tree lined avenue for a hill start. The handbrake came off in my

"I am terminating the test," emitted the machine they called an examiner, register ing, like Mr Spock, no human emotion. He got out of the car centre, leaving me stuck like a lemon in a car I was not allowed to drive, until my mortifled father came to get

So when asked to sit the nev driving theory test, my imme-diate and overwhelming reaction was "No — please no." It made me the perfect candidate. The Driving Standards Agency has been getting 3.5 nillion call attempts a we (unsurprisingly, not all of them get through) from learners desperate to take the test before July 1, when the theory paper becomes compulsory. Since only 1.6 million people take the driving test each year, that is some level of

desperation. So there, in an inhuman concrete block in the middle of a traffic island in liford, Essex, we were, with knotted stomachs and sweaty palms eight journalists about to sit our first mock examination since school. The individual desks were rubber-flicking distance apart — too far to cheat. An unnatural silence

Two invigilators came in Maureen, the part-time psychology lecturer, and Ted, the retired accountant — per-fectly nice people any other

time. We were told to read the regulations. No mobile tele-phones to be used, no smokng, no talking and bags on the

will you please raise your hand and I will come over and had 40 minutes to answer 35 multiple choice questions, and would be told time was run-ning out five minutes before the end. It was hard not to recall the laughing voices of the free in the playground and the distracting buzz of a trapped fly during history O

But after all the horror of anticipation, the test was quite an anticlimax. More answers depended on comm ense than on road sign recog nition. You are driving a vehi cle fitted with a hand telephone. To answer the teleph you MUST: a) find a safe place to stop, b) reduce your speed, c) steer the car with one hand, d) be particularly careful at

There were the topical numbers. A driver pulls out of a side road in front of you. You have to brake hard. You should: a) ignore the error and stay calm b) flash your lights to show your annoyance, c) sound your horn to show your annoyance,

And there were the ones I got wrong. You are on a good What is the shortest overall

20 minutes to finish. "That was terrible, terrible, groaned Peter Woodman, Transport Correspondent of the Press Association afterwards, clutching his forehe

I must have failed."
But none of us had. The pass evel is 26 out of 35. Woodman did worst, with six wrong answers. Class swot was Ray ey of the Daily Mail, who got it all right. Me? I got four wrong, and would rather sit such a paper any time than be interrogated in the car park on my road signs by Mr Exan

iner Spock.

Each of the around 20 candidates at any "real" session will sit a different paper. So there is no harm in revealing that the correct answers to th above are a, a and d.

lloor, by order "If you do not understand,

d) overtake as soon as possible

ary road surface and in a vehi-cle with good brakes and tyres. stopping distance at 40mph? a) 23 matres (75 feet), b) 96 metres (315 feet), c) 53 metres (175 feet) d) 36 metres (120 feet). It took none of us more than

hardly be any brighter, says OECD

arry Elliott

HE Government's record on job creation received the strong backing of the West's eading economic think tank last night in an upbeat report predicting low inflation, ro-bust growth and falling unem-ployment in the years ahead. Despite downgrading its 1996 growth forecast for Britain, the Paris-based Organisa tion for Economic Co-opera-tion and Development said the labour market reforms of four Conservative administrations had created a more conducive environment for employment than "many Coninental European countries" The annual audit of Britain

said the economy was going through a temporary sluggish

this year and grow by 2.8 per cent in 1997. It added that the benign inflation outlook would give the authorities scope to cut interest rates if

With ministers eager for some cheery economic news to offset the impact of its continuing row with Europe over beef, the report was seized

Britain's economic outlook could

upon by the Chancellor, Ken-neth Clarke, as a vindication of the Government's handling

Mr Clarke said: "This is an other highly complimentary OECD report on the UK onomy. "It confirms the success of

the Government's policies on a broad front, which have placed the UK at the top of Europe's premier league." However, the shadow chan-cellor, Gordon Brown, said the OECD's decision to shave its forecast of British growth from 2.4 per cent to 2 per cent

Clarke's prediction of 3 per

cent expansion. In a letter to the Chancellor, Mr Brown said: "Just as hap pened last year, it would ap pear that growth will be lower than you forecast. Under these

own forecast, or accept the OECD's forecast and spell out the implications for our pub-

The TUC also pointed out that the OECD's admission that the market-based ap-proach to job creation had led to a "marked widening in income inequality, some growth of temporary jobs, a perception of less job security, and a growing polarisation between

"To the extent that higher joblessness has contributed to these trends, enhanced job creation will alleviate these problems, but other policies may be required to assist those adversely affected". The Treasury is set to reduce its own expectations of growth in its half-yearly summer forecasts due out in early

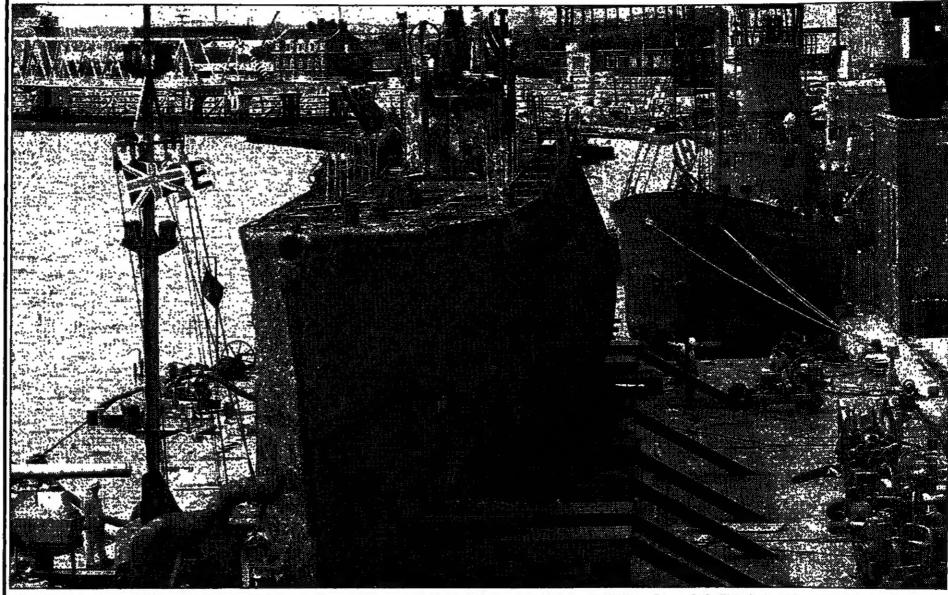
July, but stressed that the OECD report had been posi-

tive about Britain's outlook. of growth of 2.5 per cent a year, but the OECD said there was scope for a higher rate of expansion without higher in-

The think tank, which includes 27 of the West's leading developed economies, warns that the longer-term outlook will depend on "investment necessary to boost supply

potential' In addition, its praise for the deregulated British by its conclusion that educational attainments for 16 to 19-year-olds "still lag behind those in the UK's main competitors, and this gap needs to be closed".

War is finally over for German sub sunk 51 years ago



A German U-boat sunk in May 1945 has arrived at its new permanent home at Birkenhead docks on the Mersey. An RAF bomber sank the U534 in Danish waters. Some believe it was bound for South America to help Nazis escape to Argentina. The boat, salvaged three years ago, was acquired by the Warship Preservation Trust

First night

Bowled over by broken dreams

Lyn Gardner

The No Boys Cricket Club

Theatre Royal, Stratford East FOEDIPUS had not flown into a rage and killed Laius at the place where three roads met, how differently things would have turned out for him. If Juliet had a wakened just a few minutes earhappy ending for her and Romeo. And if 15 year-old Abi-gail Sandford, demon bats-man, had taken her place in the no boys cricket team and won the match that sunny Jamaican day almost 40 years ago, how different her life

might have been Would she still have been abandoned by her father, mar ried a man she didn't love and ended up in a pokey house on a dreary English council estate unable to cope with her crackdealing son and bolshie gangfighting teenage daughter? Or would she have gone to university, become a nurse and conquered the world?

Wishing, suggests her child-hood friend Maisie, is power-ful. It helps you go places. "You know what your problem is? You've stopped wishing in a big way," she tells Abi 40 years later as she sets about

trying to rectify the situation.
In Roy Williams' play the
now elderly Abi and Maisie
certainly get to go places; back
in time to confront their younger selves, learning along the way that while you cannot change history or mend your broken dreams coming to terms with your past can help you face an uncertain future.

Maisie makes the decision

to stay in Jamaica like a Ca-ribbean Shirley Valentine goes back to Britain but not to drift listlessly into old age,

rather fighting all the way. Simplistic? Perhaps, but played on Rosa Maggiora's ingenious, split-level set in which Abi's funny Jamaican girlhood hovers like a mirage over her current dead-end existence. Williams' drama seems to embody the aspirations and frustrations of a ger eration who, with such high hopes, left the West Indies in the 50s and 60s in search of a new life in Britain.

Chris Barrie

LAW to force water

companies to compen-sate customers for cuts

in supply was promised by

the Government yesterday as an official watchdog released damning reports into the in-

dustry's performance on

With the prospect of an-

other dry summer looming and hosepipe bans already af-

fecting more than 1.7 million people, John Gummer, the

Environment Secretary,

pledged to change the law as soon as possible to force water companies to pay £10 a day to households without

water because of drought

orders. The maximum payment would equal an average annual bill

At present the industry pays compensation for unex-pected cuts in supply but it is not obliged to pay up during droughts. The new measures,

including £50 a day payments for businesses, would force them to do so unless there

Water was forced to erect

standpipes and reservoirs al-most ran dry in Wales. Mr Gummer was respond-

ing to recommendations from

exceptional

were

The young Abi's life in Jamaica is by no means uncomplicated or trouble-free but she and her young friends in the cricket team have such ote de vivre and are so cheerfully optimistic that they will be able to bowl the world out that it is infinitely touching given that we know what lies

Deftly constructed, if some-what unevenly written, the play is, above all, ideal for the Theatre Royal — accessible, involving, sentimental, di-rectly relating to local people's lives and experiences and a play that boasts a great big heart.

On the first night, when Abs announced that she had flushed her son's crack haul down the lavatory, the audience roared its approval. When an audience membe helpfully suggested that Abi might like to stab the offend-ing son with her knitting needle the theatre erupted. You don't get that level of involvement at the Royal National Theatre, or most other theatres in the country

Road deaths at record low despite increase in traffic

cords began 70 years ago, according to government fig-ures released yesterday. A total of 3,621 people were killed compared with 3,650 in

OAD deaths last year by 2 per cent, the overall casts were the lowest since realty rate fell 3 per cent. - similar to 1994.

1994, the previous record low. There were 45,523 serious injuries — 2 per cent fewer than in 1994. Total casualties Pedestrian casualties fell by per cent to 47,029. Deaths fell fell one per cent to 310,506.

alty rate fell 3 per cent. Car-user casualties were down one per cent to 193,992.

Car-user deaths totalled 1,749 Child casualties fell 3 per cent to 43,788, including 270 deaths and 6.983 serious injuries.

tive Party, as part of a "prope-ganda move". circulated a dossier to American journalists which contained an ish entry into the war against allegation that Tom Clarke. Iraq in the Gulf in 1990.

water services, that existing compensation schemes needed to be widened. Mr Byatt said consumers should also be compensated with \$25 when supplies were affected by low pressure, as was the case last summer. He also issued damping reports into the industry's in-The moves follow outrage last summer when Yorkshire ability to staunch leaks. Warning that he would penal-ise companies by cutting

New law to compensate

customers for water cuts

Supply and demand

Ian Byatt, director general of datory targets for leak con-water services, that existing trol, he said many firms had not met their own targets. The report shows that leaks had worsened at Yorkshire, Thames and Severn Trent while Wessex, South West and Welsh Water had achieved little. Only Anglian, North West and Southern had met targets set

their prices and setting man-

Tom Clarke MP

A N ARTICLE in the Guard-ian on April 8, 1996 West and shadow minister for reported that the Conserva-disabled people, was "anti-

disabled people, was "anti-American", having attended the shortlived Supper Club which allegedly opposed Brit-

The Guardian acknowledges that these allegations concern-ing Mr Clarke are unfounded. and is happy to take this opportunity to set the record straight and to apologise to Mr

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Kiranjit Ahluwalia's case widened the defence of provocation



oma Humphreys: freed last year after her case softened law Sara Thornton with her daughter Luise after yesterday's verdict. "I am too tired to feel a sense of victory and there has been too much pain," she said

Manslaughter verdict frees Thornton

Retrial judge rules sentence already served after finding that personality disorder drove woman to kill husband

was convicted six years ago of mur-dering her violent alcoholic husband. walked free yesterday after being found guilty of man-slaughter on the grounds of

diminished responsibility.

A jury of eight men and four women took almost eight

band, Malcolm, at their home in Atherstone, Warwickshire in 1989 bowed and whispered thank you to the jury as the verdict was announced at Oxford crown court.

Later, both Ms Thornton and the Justice for Women group, which has been cam-paigning on her behalf, hailed the verdict as a victory for battered women despite the fact that the judge, Mr Justice Scott Baker, ruled that it was Ms Thornton's personality disorder that led her to kill and not provocation.

Ms Thornton said at a press

conference after the trial: "I but finally snapped and was not in full control of her indge is a judge and I have had seven years of them. At the end of the day I don't After the trial, Ms Thornknow how the jury found for manslaughter, whether it was provocation or diminished

responsibility."

Julie Bindel, of the Justice for Women campaign, said: "I don't think you can assume that the jury didn't look very closely at provocation. Provocation was an accepted part of our case, there is no doubt about that. It was accepted in open court that Malcolm was violent and Sara was a victim

"As far as we are concerned It's still a major victory." Earlier, Mr Justice Scott Baker told Ms Thornton that he was sentencing her to five and a half years imprison-ment "on the basis that your responsibility for killing your

husband was diminished by your abnormality of mind."
He added: "I take into ac-count the difficulties you had living with an alcoholic hus-hand but more theles. band but nevertheless you

hand but nevertheless you take considerable responsibility for taking his life."

The judge told Ms Thornton she would not have to return to prison as she had served five and a half years after being convicted of murder at her first trial in 1990.

The two-week retrial heard that Malcolm Thornton, aged 42, a former police inspector, was a violent alcoholic and

lay in a drunken stupor on the living room sofa moments after Sara Thornton had returned from a pub. The cou-

ple, married for 10 months, had been rowing and fighting in the days leading up to the killing.

Days before the killing she had told a friend that the only way to sort out her problems with Malcolm was "to kill him".

On the day, she telephoned hours to reach their verdict after the retrial ordered by the Court of Appeal last year.

Ms Thornton, aged 41, who denied murdering her hus-had scrawled in lipstick:

> The retrial hearing was told that before meeting her hus-band in a pub in Atherstone, Ms Thornton had spent time in a mental hospital and had also tried to commit suicide. Four psychiatrists giving evidence all agreed that Ms Thornton suffered from a

> personality disorder, which amounted to an abnormality of mind.
>
> Michael Mansfield, QC, defending, claimed that Ms
> Thornton had tried her best to rehabilitate her husband

ton, accompanied by her daughter Luise from another marriage, said she planned to write a book about her life. She added: "I am too tired

to feel a sense of victory and there has been too much pain and at the end of the day Malcolm died. "I would have felt a greater

sense of victory if someone had taken all the money for the court hearings and then ... allowed Malcolm the treatment that he needed and he could have continued to be

the beautiful man he had the capability to be." She said that his family must be feeling great pain and that her sentence was

wore in prison, because "I have a right to be who I am, to accept responsibility for who
I am ... and not to seek approval and love from others."
The family of Malcolm
Thornton, who sat in court
throughout the trial, expressed dismay at the verdict but claimed that it cleared him of being a violent drunk.

Jean Murray, his eldest sis-ter, said: "It's not been proved that Malcolm was brutal, just that she [Sara] has got a mental problem. We just wanted to clear Malcolm's name and that's what we have done."



Gareth Peirce . . . criticised

How the law changed its attitude to battering

HE LAW has softened its treatment of battered wives who kill since

for the murder of her "Battered woman syn-rome", a defence developed

murder to manslaughter. Either she was suffering from diminished responsibility or she had been

The case highlighted the ar-tificiality of the law in deal-ing with killings of violent husbands by brutalised wives. Research shows that it is often a lottery whether the defendant is convicted of murder, which carries a man-

in the United States, had not : can sentence according to the | acted not in sudden anger but yet gained a foothold in the | circumstances. | after a slow boiling up could

yet gained a foothold in the British courts. At her second trial, Ms For lawyers, running alter-native defences of diminished Thornton's lawyers put forresponsibility and provoca ward two defences, either of which, if successful, reduces tion means arguing at the same time that their client was a reasonable person, and that she was mentally

> Ms Thornton won a retrial after two landmark cases those of Kiranjit Ahluwalia and Emma Humphreys - widened the defence of

provocation.
In Ms Ahluwalla's case in 1992, the Appeal Court removed the rule that the killing must be an immediate resalso invoke the defence. The Ahluwalia case also

opened the way for women to argue that they suffered from battered woman syndrome a form of post-traumatic stress disorder

The Humphreys appeal in 1995 removed the assumption that only the "last straw" could count as provocation. and allowed the courts to add up cumulative provocative acts by the killer in deciding whether a reasonable person would have reacted as the de-

fendant did. A further softening of the ponse to the provocation. The law, in Ms Thornton's own court held that a killer who appeal, allowed juries to ask

whether not just a hypotheti-cal reasonable person, but one with the defendant's own special characteristics, would have acted in such a way.

At Ms Thornton's original trial, her lawyers put forward ponsibility. Provocation was not argued.

But even with the widening of the law, it was hard to see how she could invoke the

Ms Thornton's solicitor. Gareth Peirce, pointed out that yesterday's result could have been reached at the first trial if the automatic life pen-alty was abolished and judges left free to sentence according

Bright promise in the police, a lucrative job in the Middle East, then drink and despair

John Mullin and Vivek Chaudhary

ALCOLM Thornton began his career in the police after being awarded the book a prize as the best police cadet in Blackpool. Henry Brooke, the then home secretary, presented the

He rose quickly through the ranks of the Met, becoming one of the country's younges But he day after he secured

convictions in a drugs trial, he was run over by one of the gang's associates, and suf-fered two broken legs. He had a long convalesence, then took on a pub, the Load of Hay in Staines, with his first wife, Moyra Friend. That is where his heavy drinking

started.
They had two sons, Martin and Stuart. But the marriage ended after 17 years, and he of security for Aramco, a US oil company. He was there for nine years, and was paid about 25,000 a month, much of

which was invested in property in Britain and Spain.

He married a nurse there, who was 12 years younger, and they came back to Britain. That marriage anded ain. That marriage ended after two years. He became head of security

fair for taking a life.

Ms Thornton said she was wearing a lapiz stone on her forehead, which she first was then he met Sara, helping her find a job in tele-sales, which she was later to lose because of her drinking. Alcohol played an important part in their relationship.

Mr. Thornton's sisters, Jean

Murray, aged 61, and Gladys Suthers, aged 51, have always protested that their brother was anything but a wife-beat-ing drunk. It was Sara, they claimed, who drove him to drink and desnair.



Malcolm Thornton . . . rose quickly through the ranks

big brother to Luise, her daughter by her first mar-riage. They had spent the previous Christmas together, sphere, he recalled.
The night he died, Mr

Thornton had told his son he had been to Leicester to see a

lawyer about divorce.

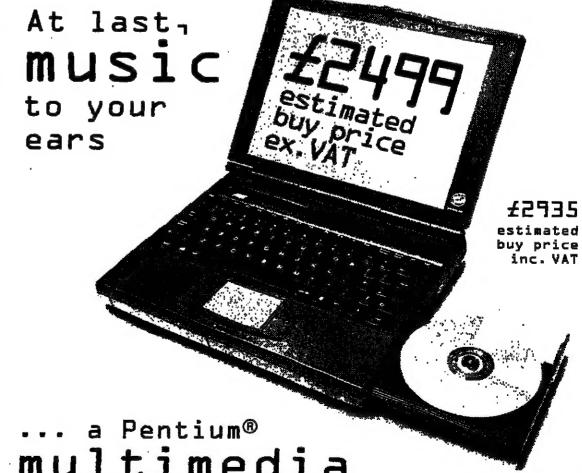
Martin Thornton had gone
to the pub with his stepmother the night she killed
his father. She seemed in good spirits, enjoying gin and tonic. He left her there chatting with some men about TNT, and headed home. He looked in on his father and saw him, drunk, asleep on the

Ms Thornton returned to the modern three-bedroom-house about 45 minutes later. She had argued with the taxi-driver, and thrown his fare at

Martin rushed downstairs when he heard the scream. His stepmother was walking towards him in her nightclothes, calmly saying: "Mar-tin, I've just stabbed your father." She went into the kitchen and called the emergency services, and then she loaded the washing machine.

and police arrived a couple of drink and despair.

Martin Thornton, his son from his first marriage, who gave evidence during the retrial, got on well with his stepmother, and liked to play



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The progression of moves in the game — holding, embracing, kissing and caressing — would stop short of penetration. This caressing without the act would join souls but left the seed unspilled and did not wither the brain cells (an Aristotelian idea that still lingers, especially among football players). Adrianne Blue

Review cover story

Erlend Clouston at the Dunblane inquiry hears relatives give their view of the murderer, while a detective describes the shootings

Two sides of child killer Hamilton

Inquiry hears of son's devotion to his mother

massacre was told yesterday of the two sides of the gunman

His mother. Agnes Watt, aged 64, spent 35 minutes in the witness box outlining a model relationship with a loving son who would telephone

every night and periodically present her with 250 gifts. In contrast, the detective in charge of the police investiga-tion revealed how the 43-yearold part-time youth worker close range as they lay on their gym floor.

A possible factor behind Hamilton's act was suggested with the disclosure that his string of boys' clubs was run ning a £15,000 deficit, and he had a personal debt of £11,000.

Mrs Watt told the second day of the inquiry that her son had made no complaints about debts or hinted at his private life when he visited her the afternoon before the

tic background, which saw Hamilton adopted by the same couple who had adopted his mother, he was a caring son who visited twice a week, sometimes handing over part of the profits from his small-

Earlier in the day, however told the inquiry that he had warned parents against enrolling their children in Hamilton's sports clubs after he became uneasy at reports of "inappropriate clothing and

photography". Mr Taylor revealed that 18 months before the killings on March 13. Hamilton had once challenged him at the school about his deteriorating repumembers of staff had directed children away away from his boys' clubs, and would I dis-abuse them of the idea that he was a pervert," Mr Taylor

The details of Hamilton's killing of Dunblane's primary morning evidence of Detec-tive Chief Superintendent John Ogg. Up to then, the tri-bunal had skirted round the particulars of Hamilton's four-minute rampage through

the school gym. However, questioned by Iain Bonomy QC, the policeman agreed that Hamilton had stood over a group of pu-pils who had been either disabled or thrown down and shot them "from a distance height of his hand above the

In his evidence, Mr Taylor, aged 46, explained how he had initially assumed that builders were responsible for the "indistinct bangs" that inter-rupted a telephone call he was

HE Cullen inquiry making from his office. He into the Dunblane only discovered his mistake when the deputy headteacher, Agnes Awlson, crawled through the door and shouted that there was a man with a gun in the school. The head-master ran down to the gym where he saw a scene of imaginable carnage".

"The air seemed to be thick with bluish smoke, and the smell of cordite was quite strong," Mr Taylor said. He the far end of the gym where he had just shot himself. The head asked the newly-arrived janitor to kick away the pistol left hand.

The gunman's mother told driver, in 1950, but the marriage broke up soon after their son Thomas was born in 1952. She moved back in with John and Kathleen Hamilton who had adopted her shortly

statement of Mr Hamilton senior, a widower, a condition of the divorce was that baby Thomas was adopted by the Hamiltons, Thomas was a teenager before it was ex-plained that Agnes was his mother and not his sister.

It has been speculated that Hamilton's family background laid the foundations for an estrangement from society which finally induced him to attack the school.

An alternative cause was suggested in the testimony of chief inspector Paul Hughes. A trawl through Hamilton's finances had found that they were "worse than bad", with his only official asset 3p in a Clydesdale Bank account.

Because of council tax debt a sheriff's warrant had been issued and he faced the prospect of having possessions and money seized. His debts of £11,000 included £737 on a Debenhams account and £1,300 on the Barclaycard he had used to buy guns, meals and rail travel.

Mr Hughes said that Hamilman and then ran his own woodworking shop before had sold a house for £30,000 in the 1980s and received £24,600 from the insurance of a boat destroyed by fire. Despite this, he was having difficulties with tax and national insurance. After a neighbour reported his camera busines to the authorities, his income

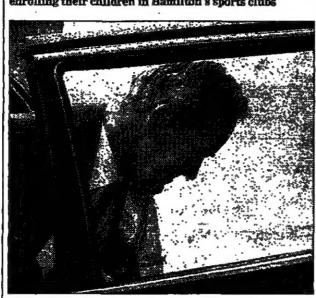
support was stopped.

Mr Hughes said that according to Hamilton's accounts, his chain of boys' clubs had suffered substantial losses "which, if the accounts are accurate, amounts to £15.907

Mrs Watt said she knew nothing about her son's



Ron Taylor, the school head, had warned people against enrolling their children in Hamilton's sports clubs



Lord Cullen arrives at the inquiry he is heading into the March 13 killings of 16 children and one te



Thomas Hamilton: his string of boys' clubs was running £15,000 deficit and he had personal debts of £11,000

I saw them once in his home." she said.

Mr Hamilton senior, a retired heating engineer who had quarrelied frequently with his adopted son before moving out of their shared Stirling home in 1992, revealed in a written statement that Thomas had joined sports clubs, but had been a Stirling rifle club at 16. "All

aware of his interest in guns. [the time I lived with Thomas I never saw him bring guns to the home," he said.

Both Mrs Watt and Mr Hamilton senior mentioned a male friend, a Jim Gillespie, Hamilton's home in Stirling Mrs Watt did remember him once having a girlfriend, "but she was too serious, and he didn't want to know

'He complained that members of staff had directed children away from his boys' clubs and would I disabuse them of the idea that he was a pervert'

Thomas was always a very calm person, certainly in the house. There were never any moods or tempers. He never showed any violence at home. he never raised his hand to me'

James Hamilton, grandfather



Blair's spiritual guide takes up post near leader's home

Madeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

PETER Thomson, the Australian vicar and spiritual mentor to Tony Blair, has taken up a job in north London, 10 minutes from the Opposition leader's home.

no role other than friend-

ship."
He had decided to come after repeatedly receiving calls in Australia from London asking about his relationship with Mr Blair. "It just became very exciting I wanted to be part of it. So I

Holloway until "after the election" and insists he "wants | work directly in the political | Mr Thomson stayed in the arena," Mr Thomson told the New Statesman and Society. Mr Blair phoned Mr Thom son in Australia to tell him of

a job vacancy in Holloway. The two have maintained a close friendship since they met at Oxford in the early Mr Thomson says he plans wanted to be part of it. So I seventies. Last Christmas the to remain as vicar to St talked to Tony and said that if Blair family holidayed on Mr Luke's evangelical church in I came to England I would Thomson's farm in Western

Mr Thomson stayed in the Blairs' house and met many of the shadow cabinet.

At Oxford Mr Thomson, already ordained and a mature student, introduced the young Fony Blair to a range of philosophers and Christian thinkers. His Christianity was central to Mr Blair's decision to be confirmed as an James Melkle Community Affairs Editor

Social workers may be contributing to family breakdowns by failing to spot crises in homes where children need help, government inspectors said yesterday.

They expressed serious conport for families whose cir-

Social workers may be missing signals of family crisis, says report nal child protection sures or young people being taken into care.

Ron Taylor, headmaster

The inspectors said many staff who first assessed chil-dren were insufficiently expe-rienced and sometimes fell into demarcation disputes with those who might provide the support families needed. Only one of eight local au-thorities visited by the Social

cumstances did not merit for | Services Inspectorate between 1993 and 1995 was consistently able to help families with the aim of preventing a more serious and costly inter-

vention later.

The report did not say which this was among Solihull, West Midlands, Harrow and Ealing, in London, Lancashire. South Tyneside, War-wickshire, Birmingham and

The quality of service varied widely and in a few cases was "rather poor". The inspectors praised some work involving young families, including those with lone parents, young people ex-cluded from school and sum-

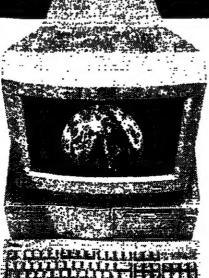
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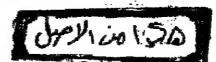




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Hopes rise for end to byproducts ban

Stephen Sates in Brussels

HERE were signs in Brussels last night that Britain may get its way more easily than it previously hoped in securing the lifting of the beef

hyproducts ban.
Germany and Austria previously the most implace ble opponents — were said to be moving towards accepting a resumption of the export trade in tallow, gelatine and semen at next week's meeting of agriculture ministers in

Luxembourg.
The move is likely to come despite rather than because of Britain's high-profile confron-tation with the European Union, with member states prepared to lift the deriva-tives ban but not yet to discuss a framework for lifting the broader ban on British

It remains touch and go whether an agreement on the steps Britain needs to take to get the ban lifted will be agreed in advance of the Flor-ence heads of government summit in a month's time, which John Major has threat-ened to disrupt if the lifting of the ban is not then in sight.

Germany and Austria have had battles over the ban be-tween health and agriculture ministers. But last night, as the Austrian health minister Christa Krammer was said to have accepted the derivatives posed no threat to health, it was also being indicated that Germany had no wish to remain isolated over the

A commission spokesman said: "To get a majority may

new code to cover the handling of herds in lands where BSE, mad cow disease, was present, after a meeting of the Office International des Epizooties in Peris yester-

day, writes Tim Rudford. The officers agreed it was safe to export cattle and beef if the animal was born after the date when bans on feed containing animal meat and bone must were "effectively respected", or where the animal came from a BSE-free herd and had never been fed the meat and bone meal.

The organisation insists on an absolute export ban on suspect organs from cat-tle carcases, and strict surveillance, monitoring and

The British Veterinary Association said it would urge the document on the Government and the EC.

still prove difficult but we are hoping more countries will come on board. We are worried that we may lose some because of Britain's policy of non-co-overation."

A diplomat representing Italy, which is chairing min-isterial meetings, saul: "The present situation is more favourable towards a partial lifting of the ban than it was before."

A charm offensive will be launched around European capitals next week, headed by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, to persuade gov-ernments of the strength of the British case.

Accompanying Mr Rifkind, states.

DIXONS SAVE UP 5

VETERINARY officers of who starts in Bonn by meeting chancellor Helmut Kohl, will be Mr Hogg, David Davis. the Europe minister, and Tony Baldry, the fisheries minister. The Foreign Secre-tary will meet Jacques Santer, the commission presilent, in Brussels on Tuesday.

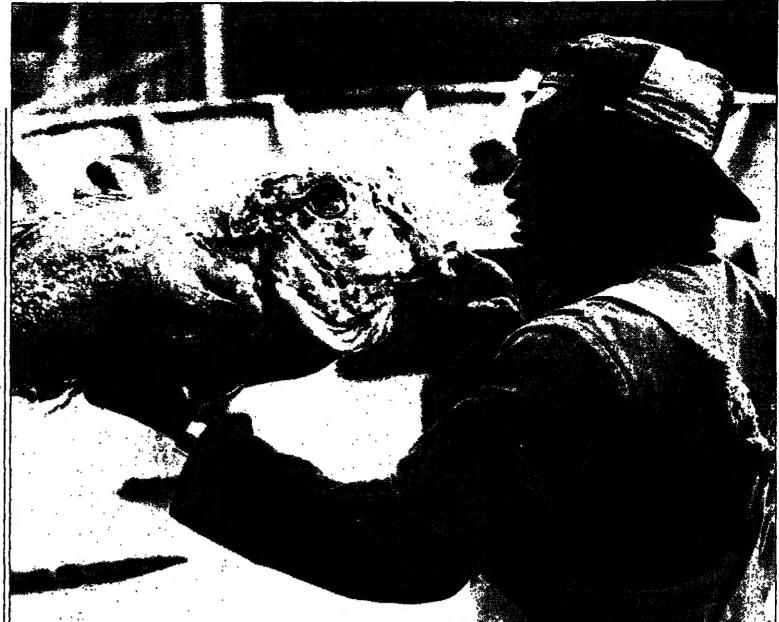
It was being said that Wednesday's unusually out-spoken statement criticising Britain by Mr Santer was primarily aimed at reassuring other member states that the commission was not bending too far over backwards theip Britain.

The statement, warning that Britain's policy was hold ing the EU hostage and counter-productive, neverthe less provoked annoyance from Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock, the two British commissioners, because of the harshness of its language. Neither were given a chance to approve it in advance of publication.
A British source said: "This

is how wars start, when you escalate the language it is difficult to cool things down again. We believe that the main audience for the statement was not in the UK but east and south of Brussels."

Despite the non co-opera-tion policy, Britain yesterday complied with the commission's demand for information about the results of tests on buby milk powder, while continuing to refuse to name the companies whose products might contain higher levels of chemicals. Commission sources

they were satisfied with the technical report which would be circulatedto member



A French fisherman in Lochinver, north-west Scotland, examines a part of his catch unlikely to end up in a fish and chip shop

Fishermen blame Brussels as net losses threaten

thousands of jobs

James Melide on the decline of Britain's

by imposing quotas on catches, forcing the decom-missioning of boats and fail-

ing to stop foreign "quota hoppers".
The latest flare-up — over quotas and fleets - has stirred Eurosceptics and again put ministers into a

tight spot by having them fight for Britain's ports and coastal communities while recognising the desperate state of fish stocks. In some parts of Britain, up to three jobs on land depend on every job at sea.
The value of fish and shell-

fish landed by home boats in UK ports has fallen by nearly half since 1973, when the total was £152 million, more than £893 million at 1994 prices. The 1994 figure was £454.5 million. Another £100 million ain is a net importer of fresh or frozen fish.

The number of fishermen in England and Wales fell

the end of 1994.

The fish processing industry employs 20,000 people, and there may be thousands of chandling, supply and maintenance jobs as well. There are 3,000 fishmongers, employing 7,000 people, in addition to the supermarkets that sell more than half the fish in

Britain. The "cod war" with Iceland The "cod war" with Iceland in the mid-70s led to a massive fall in the value of cod catches — today's £65 million is a sixth of the 1973 value.

By 1980, rising imports drew demands by fishermen for controls. Later, scientists

warned of impending environmental catastrophe unless catches were curtailed and the EU started to step up its attempts to reduce the sizes and distribution of all But EU fishing subsidies in-

creased from £52 million to £379 million between 1983 and 1990 — with 20 per cent going into larger boats. from 29,000 in 1938 to 16,400 in More recently, the Govern- 100,000 boats. But there is no ignore the crisis 1960 and 11,000 in 1994. The ment implemented a £25 mil- consolation for areas like pean lish stocks.

RITAIN'S fishermen | UK total fell from 23,475 to | lion decommissioning scheme | Devon and Cornwall where blame Brussels for put- about 20,750 in the 20 years to the fleet. British boat is traditionally than half, since previous de-British boat is traditionally small — only a third of regis-tered boats are more than 10

metres long, and far from all of the 10,300 vessels are By contrast many European trawlers are factory ves-

Shrinking industry

UK fishing industry

fit's easy for Spain to meet targets when its fleet fishes

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sels, catching their annual quotas in a matter of days. That is why the EU is trying to reduce the fleets by a for-

mula based on engine power and tonnage.

Spain has twice the number

of boats but nearly three times the tonnage of the UK fleet. But Greece and Portugal have more boats and less ton-nage. The EU in all has nearly

commissioning plans are run-

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ning late.
The fisheries minister Tony The fisheries minister Tony Baldry claims up to 150 "quota hoppers" (mainly Spanish or Dutch owned ships, representing up to a fifth of large boats on the UK register), are taking nearly half the UK catch of hake and plaice, and between a fifth and a third of some other species.

species.
"It's very easy for the Spanish to meet their targets be-cause a significant part of their fleet is fishing against our quota, masquerading as UK boats," he said on Radio 4 vesterday.

Meanwhile, a Tory MEPwas demanding that Britain should co-operate in cutting the number of boats. James Provan, the MEP for South Downs West, said: "It is irresponsible to avoid facing the core problem of overfishing. We can no longer afford to ex-pand our fishing fleet and ignore the crisis facing Euro-

kept in port by quota restric-tions while European boats

could continue trawling. Ten-sion ran high for a while.

Scots port welcomes Europeans

Peter Hetherington sees Spanish and French boats add a new dimension to fishing

must seem a nightmare British lorries to Brittany.

- a large fishing port full of French and Spanish boats, with Germans, Farcese men sell direct to Europe. As fishermen fumed yester-

day over planned European Union cuts in Britain's fleet, Basque and Breton vessels were happily landing at Lo-chinver, in north-west

Scotland.

What began four years ago as a seemingly harmless exercise by the French to exploit deep water fish unknown to the British palate — such as sabre, orange roughy and granadier — has developed into a trade which could threaten the survival of Scot. threaten the survival of Scot-tish fishing, according to one industry leader. Five large French trawlers.

tany, are based at Lochinver, while a Spanish company has also established a presence. Catches go several times a

While locals have been largely indifferent, the leader of Scotland's fishermen warned that his members may be missing a golden opportunity by ignoring deep water fish — caught at depths of up to 1,000 metres — which could be a lifetime for the Brit-

ish fleet.
"When Europe gets round to dividing up the catches, they'll go on the track records of individual nations — and if we aren't catching much of the fish we'll get next to nothing in any shareout," said Bob Allen of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation.

"We've got to wake up."
These fish, unlike more common species, are unregulated by the EU.
At Brescot, the French company in Lochinver, a manager said the Breton crews — 16 to



a vessel — were happy to come to Scotland. "We've never had any problems ... quite at home they are. Call it the 'auld alliance' if you like, but people seem to be getting used to our fish. The even used to our fish. I've even beard it was on the menu of

one chip shop in Aberdeen."
Neil Gudgeon, the harbourmaster, who helped set up
Brescot, has encountered

"But there are financial benefits for the local community," insisted Mr Gudgeon. "The French employ 10 part time, and the crews Some locals have been in-censed by what they claim were "hidden" subsidies from Highland council to encourage European vessels to set up in Lochinver. But the local coun-

cillor. Francis Keith, has strongly defended the French. They land four times as much as the local bosts put together — horrible stuff with massive eyes and flattened bodies. They have revived the place." While the French concen-

white the First Chick-trate on deep water fish, the Spanish prefer other species. At this time of year they are catching hake, as part of their EU quota, off Lochinver. "It's not a fish the British seem to like" said their seem to like," said their agent, Fiona Gudgeon. The

only one problem so far — a blockade by 20 Scottish boats outside the harbour three years ago. Scots fishermen were protesting about being surprised how open people are — not like in the south."





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Result a bitter blow for Leah Rabin

Jessica Berry in Hebron

friend. We did all we could," read one of the notes of apology left yesterday on Yitzhak Rabin's grave at Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem, where dozens of mourners remembered the assassinated Labour prime minister in light of of the expected election victory for Binyamin Netanyahu.

"I don't want to serve in the army for that kind of people," said one visitor. Tomer Karuchi, aged 17, who is due to start his military service. "This means I would serve in an army go-ing for war and not for

Mr Rabin's widow, Leah, expressed despondency at Mr Netanyahu's poll show-ing. "All I can do is look at where I keep my suitcases and feel like packing them and disappearing from here very quickly. It's that bad," she told Israeli television. After her husband was killed last November by a Jew opposed to his peace policies, Mrs Rabin blamed Mr Netanyahu for what she called an atmosphere of hate.

"If any mistake was made in the election campaign, it was that [the Labour Party] did not exploit this terrible murder fully," Mrs Rabin

At the site of Rabin's assassination in Tel Aviv, some supporters lay red and white wreaths at the foot of the stairs where he was shot. "Rabin was killed on November 4 — Peace was killed on May 29," read

one sign. But Mr Netanyahu's supporters were confident he could bring them both peace and security — a for-mula that eluded Mr Peres.

"Let's hope he has the ability to heal these wounds," said Melvin Polk, a retired doctor. "This is a divided country — 50 per cent one way and 50 per The Likud leader is

refraining from speaking until final results are released, but a spokesman said Mr Netanyahu had "a deep commitment to continuing a process of peace, peace with security, between Israel and all its neighbours, including the

In Hebron on the West Bank, most Arabs said yesterday that they had expected a Netanyahu victory
and they fear for their
future. But several said it might not have been very different if the Labour

Party had won.
"The policies of Likud and Labour are two sides of the same coin," said Mahmoud Mohammed, who used to work in a Jerusa-lem restaurant until the Labour government imposed a han on most workers from the occupied terri-

ers from the occupied territories. He was convinced
that Mr Netanyahu would
continue the peace process.
A leader of the Popular
Front for the Liberation of
Palestine, Abdel Alim
Dana, said he believed Mr
Netanyahu to be less right-

'All I can do is look at where I keep my suitcases and feel like packing them and disappearing

more moderate. It is Likud who made peace with Egypt and withdrew from Sinai." But Mr Dana, who spent 16 years in Israeli jails, warned that a further wors ening in the Palestinian economy would deepen the mood of desperation.

One shopkeeper pre-dicted: "If Israel does not go ahead with peace we will discover a new intifada which will be stronger and more fierce . . . The Pales-tinians have always lost in war, including the intifada. So this time it will be a real intifada.'

A Palestinian intellice officer said that any intifada would lead to civil war. "The Palestinian Authority will try to prevent an intifada. That means the Palestinians will also have to fight against the Authority. I'm scared and con-fused," he said. "If there is intifada I will resign, because I do not want to fight

John Bartlett is a correspondent for AP.



will change path to peace'

Derek Brown In Jerusalem

GOVERNMENT led by Binyamin Netanyahu will look, sound and from that led by Shimon Much is being made, both

inside and outside Israel, about the peace process con-tinuing, about rock-steady American support and about the unchanged Israeli commitment, above all else, to their own security. But the resurgent Israeli right has its own priorities, its own goals and its own methods. In an interview broadcast yesterday by Israel radio, Mr

Netanyahu was asked about his first actions, should he become prime minister.

towards peace; to change it to a different direction that I believe could bring us a secure peace." he said On the Palestinian issue, he

would take account of what has already been agreed be-tween Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. But he would "ensure that the Palestinians keep to their ob-ligations". The threat was clear: from now on the Palestinian Authority, under its president Yasser Arafat, will be expected to wage war on Islamist and other militant groups - or let Israel do it for them. Indeed, Mr Netanyahu went

on: "We will return freedom of action to the [security forces and secret service) to act against terrorists, as is

"The first thing that I will | needed. I don't want to say do is to change the path | this is an easy task ... but I believe we can overcome terrorism. I am absolutely confident on that."

During the campaign, Mr Netanyahu was even more specific, making it clear that would have no qualma about sending Israeli forces back into PLO-controlled selfrule enclaves in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Mr Netanyahu regards those enclaves, as yesterday's broadcasts made clear, as dependencies and not as the foundation for the indepen-dent state which the 2 million or more Palestinian inhabit-

ants crave. "I would offer the Palestinians an opportunity to run just about every aspect of their daily lives, with the ex-

eign affairs, that will remain in 1982. Another, co-opted in our hands," he said. Into a last minute alliance Mr Netanyahu also talked of immediately closing "PLO" offices operating in Jerusa-

lem, and of strengthening Jewish settlements in Pales-On the faltering peace talks with Syria, he was equally ad-amant: the Golan heights, captured in 1967, would remain in Israeli hands. "T think we have to stay in our positions on the Golan heights because they offer us the guarantee that we will not be attacked again,"

And Mr Netanyahu is, if

anything on the moderate wing of his own movement. Among his chief lieutenants is Ariel Sharon, the former general who, as defence min-ister, masterminded Israel's

with Likud, is the former army chief Rafael Eitan. whose rightwing Tzomet party is now well placed to demand a handsome share of

the cabinet spoils. Here lies a rub for the apparently triumphant Mr Netanyahu. Never the most popular man in his own notoriously fractious party, he outraged many Likud activists by etitching up a united electoral list with Tzomet, and with the new Gesber party headed by his most bit-ter rival, the former foreign minister David Levy. They demanded and were

given some of the choicest ingly to have lost the places on the list in return for government.

their backing. Consequently — and also as

away from the big established parties to favour smaller, newer lists — the Likud bloc has been reduced to just 31 parliamentary seats, and 10 of those are equally divided be-tween Tzomet and Gesher.

Mr Netanyahu clearly has some heavy coalition building to do. On the face of it, he can pick and choose his allies from a range of centre-right and religious party options. But all these disparate elements would demand their share of the spoils of office shares which would have to be denied to the diminished

who may have grided a prime minister but seem increas

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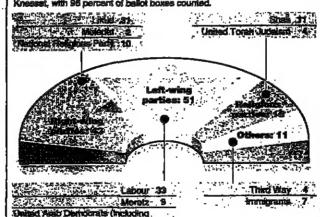


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The fourteenth Knesset Breakdown of seats by party in Israel's 120-member partiament or Knessat, with 95 percent of ballot boxes counted.



Rise in support for religious right stuns party chiefs

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

Islamic Movement)

HE dramatic surge of elec-toral support for Israel's orthodox Jewish parties almost certainly owes less to religious fervour than to the radically new notion of giving voters two choices: one for prime minister and another for the party of their choice.

Having expressed a view on the key issues — security and the peace process - in the first ballot, voters were free to make a second choice on grounds of ideology, community and faith. The system allowed the reli-

gious parties to broaden their base from the core of ultraorthodox Jews; the black-clad haredi who conduct their lives and politics strictly according to the Torah. Between them the three religious parties won 24 seats

"We thought we would get up to eight or nine. We did not think we would get 10," said Yitzhak Levy, number three on the list of the National Religious Party. Yesterday Mr Levy sought

to allay fears about religious influence in government. "We will want to influence Jewish values more and influence Jewish education more . . . But God forbid, no one should think that there will be a wave of religious coercion."
That will suit another resurgent Jewish party, Shas. During the campaign, its most prominent leader, Aryeh Deri, had been derided for his boast that the party would win a couple of extra seats. In fact, it has gone from six to 10. The smallest of the three religious parties is Yahadut Hatorah, with four seats. It

wanted to join the Rabin coalition but not to share power in the 120-member parliament
— a performance which has
astonished even their leaders. leftwing partner, Meretz.

The Egyptian president. Hosni Mubarak, said before the result: "I don't know this lan Black Diplomatic Editor

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RAB and western governments reacted warily to the apparent Likud victory, hoping pub-licly that Binyamin Netan-yahu will continue the peace process, and worrying pri-vately that he will slow it down or destroy it.

In Europe and the United States, ministers and officals wanted a Labour government. They are now resigned to a different pace and a more obdurate style under a new rightwing coalition. "Our policy will remain the

same," President Clinton "Whatever the result, the United States will continue its support for the people of Israel, for the democratic process there and for the process of peace." The Palestinian leader. Yasser Arafat, who had the biggest personal stake in a

Shimon Peres victory, made no comment yesterday and banned his officials from giving their reactions. Many governments had argued before Wednesday's poll that what had been achieved since the Oslo agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation in 1993 was irre-

versible and that the Likud leader would have to acknowledge that. "The fact that Mr Netanyahu, who was in favour of a harder position, has won, does not substantially change things," said the Spanish foreign minister, Abel Matutes. In Britain, the Foreign

Office made no comment, saying it was waiting for the final result.

Netanyahu and I haven't Peres well. I will deal with the next prime minister . . . to the flexibility." Mr Netanyahu has said he

will expand Jewish settle-ments in the West Bank, further delay the withdrawal of Israell troops from Palestin-ian areas of Hebron, and re-fuse to discuss Jerusalem in final status talks. He has also vowed not to return the Golan heights to Syria. The Syrian government

made no formal comment though it had vacillated before the election, claiming both that there was no differ-ence between Labour and Likud and that if Mr Netan-yahu won "it would destroy all chances of peace". Syria's foreign minister, Farouk al-Shara, said on Monday that Mr Netanyahu's

vow never to return the Golan heights was a call for war. Jordan's al-Rai newspaper said that what mattered was the next Israeli government's attitude to talks. "What we care about in any new government is its commitment to pursuing peace on the Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian tracks to take the region into

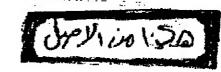
a state of peace. In Iran, which is ideologically opposed to the peace process, Tehran radio said in a commentary: "Based on the election results, it appears that the Zionist regime will tend to increase its demands in the process of compromise. This will cause new problems for the process on which America and the compromisers had set their hopes."

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Ecstasy, to coin a phrase, is the worst book yet from a writer who has been going from weakness to weakness ever since Trainspotting began its roll in 1993. Composed of three mid-length tales, it has neither the forgiving variety of a short story collection nor the potential for complexity opened up by the full length novel form.

Jenny Turner, Review page 7



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Comrades draw sniggers



with kung-fu action films, muscle-bound Hollywood blockbusters and smuggled soft-porn. China's crusty cultural commis-

sars might perhaps be heart-ened by a new video on sale in Beijing: Comrade Father. It must be the first time since China stopped making "tractor films" trumpeting socialist triumphs that any-one has tried to market a movie with "comrade" in the

But it gives the Communist Party little to cheer about. This is no Maoist throwback. In the underground argot of contemporary China, a comrade — tongzhi — is a homo-sexual. Comrade Father is the Chinese title of Priest, the British film depicting the moral dilemma of a gay Roman Catholic priest in

The central committee may still open its meetings with cries of "comrades", but China's growing legions of the politically incorrect, or at least irreverent, now hear a subversive message in the traditional greeting of the prudish party faithful.

Language is mutating fast, most markedly in China's capital,

Beijing, where what once was holy has now become profane. **Andrew Higgins** reports

nese society, is mutating in mean a feast of propaganda hut a pornographic video. The reworking is a play on the gramme of reform in 1978. "Language is a mirror of hairy or fuzzy, though ety-ciety. It reflects the way we mologists argue over whether society. It reflects the way we

live," said Professor Zhou Yi-min, author of a dictionary on modern Beijing vernacular, the capital's gritty street "China has changed so fast in recent years that our lan-guage has had to find new

ways to express phenomona that either didn't exist before or were never talked about." The phrase "worker, peas-ant, soldier" no longer refers to the Maoist trinity but means a 50 yuan bank note, which bears the image of the communist triumvirate.
"Great unity", the propagan-dists' favourite slogan, now refers to a 10 yearn bill.

Other linguistic growth areas are sex and comunition revolution has found a new lease of life. Hand grenade and packs of dynamite — essential props in communist basic units of bribery.

chants you". Chinese language, like Chi-| A "Mao movie" does not

> grainy quality of low-grade plrated foreign skin-flicks. Authorities make periodic and fruitless attempts to halt what they regard as linguistic vandalism. The state language commission held an emergency meeting late last

this refers to puble hair or the

year on how to "purify our mother tongue and expand people's excellent culture". English and other Western words have made only shal-low mroads. Unlike Japanese, which uses both ideographs and a phonetic alphabet, Chinese offers no simple way to incorporate alien sounds.
When China last reached

out to the wider world, before the 1949 revolution, it bor-rowed the English word "modern" - modeng. But the import, which makes no sense in written Chinese, aulckly withered.

The new Beijing slang for lions of visits to China by kiss — kei-si — will probably Cantonese-speakers from the go the same way. Likely to be British colony, new words more enduring is mt. Beijing and new meanings have

argot for young girl. It not stormed the barricades of only sounds something like standard mandarin.

"The power of a language acter chosen to transcribe the sound means "honey". Another survivor might be mini, as in mini-skirt. Written in characters, it means "encharacters, it means "encharacters,"

The most potent saboteur of standard Chinese, however, lies not outside but inside the lies not outside but inside the Chinese language. The cor-ruption of "comrade". Hoe many such acts of subversion, began with Cantonese speakers in Hong Kong and spri stealthily north through the barriers of dialect that divide



Tong zhi: once just 'comrade', now slang for homosexual.

spoken Chinese into a pleth ora of mutually unintelligible tongues, but which are simlar enough in their written forms to make linguistic in-fection easy. Through Hong Kong news

papers, television, and mil-

"The power of a language or dialect is determined by economics," said Professor Zhou, who believes the fad for Cantonese, emanating from wealthy Hong Kong and the boom towns of Guangdong province, mirrors a spread of Shanghai slang decades ago when that city was seen as the acme of wealth and

sophistication.

Many Cantonese imports are well-established, much to the chagrin of linguistic pur ists. A cab in Belling is no longer a chuzuqiche, a cumbersome mandarin word meaning rental petrol vehi-cle, but a di, a loan from the Hong Kong Cantonese diksei, itself an approximation of the English word "taxi".

The free-market demolition of job security has forced mandarin speakers to cope with the previously unthinkable prospect of getting sacked. Again Cantonese has come to the rescue. A boss who wants to cut costs must "stir-fry squid", a process that reduces and mangles staff.

"The current linguistic chaos has two relatively prominent manifestations," fumed the People's Daily. "One is the infiltration of Hong Kong dialect and the other is that vulgar and unbearable slang has moved from the corridors into the

Tomorrow: Shanghai, the next



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Judge allows terror suspect to conduct own defence

PROSECUTORS fear that a told the Islamic activist who New York terrorism trial prosecutors fear will attempt will be transformed into a cirplotting to blow up 11 United States airliners was yesterday allowed to conduct his own defence, writes Ian Katz in

Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy allowed Ramzi Ahmed You sef, a British-educated alleged explosives expert, to defend himself against charges that he planned a day of carnage that would have claimed the lives of up to 4,000 passengers. "What you're doing most

Israeli and anti-American Mr Yousef, aged 28, told the jury: "I want you to keep in mind that even though defendant Yousef is not a US citi-

prosecutors fear will attempt to use the trial to air his anti-

zen, and doesn't speak the way you speak, that he is a person just like you."

Mr Yousef faces trial later this year for masterminding the 1993 World Trade Centre bombing He and his codefar.

bombing. He and his co-defen-dants, Abdul Hakim Murad and Wali Khan Amin Shah, face life in prison if convicted

Clashes mar Kashmir poll

NE person was killed and at least 30 people were in-jured during demonstrations against the final phase of the general election the Kash-

The fatality occurred when militants and paramilitary Border Security Force troops exchanged fire in Srinagar, focus of the uprising against

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used tear gas shells to break up crowds outside the main mosque, they said. At least 25 people were injured, most of them hit by tear gas shells, witnesses said.
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tion were also injured. in Srinagar hundreds of dem-onstrators gathered outside the mosque, Jama Masjid. "The troops just stormed in

and began indiscriminate fir-ing of shells at the crowd," a resident, Tariq Ahmed, said. Government officials declined to comment. — Reuter.

Taipei upset by ship raid

mir Valley yesterday.

Indian rule, police said. Troops fired in the air and

Shortly after voting began

TAIPEI expressed grave concern yesterday over Canada's boarding of a Taiwanese ship to arrest its captain, accused with his officers of forcing three Romanian stowaways to leave the ship on rafts while out at sea.

Police in Halifax, Nova Scotia, stormed the Fu Ming on Wednesday after the captain refused to meet dock officials
The head of the Taiwanese foreign ministry's North American affairs department, Lee Ta-wei, said extreme dis-satisfaction with Canada's actions had been expressed.

Taiwan wants to take charge of the case and promised an impartial inquiry.
Eight Filipino crewmon
who deserted the ship last Friday claimed that two stowards were set adrift on March 12 on an oil-drum raft off Spain. They alleged a third

was later cast off on another raft in the mid-Atlantic. Officials of Yang Ming Marine, which owns the ship, denied the claims. - Reuter.

Air force men step down

Three US air force command ers in Europe were relieved of duty as a result of an investi-gation into the aircraft crash in Croatia last month that killed the commerce secretary, Ron Brown, and 34

Brigadier-General William Stevens, who commanded the 86th Airlift Wing; Colonel Roger Hansen, vice-command er, and Colonel John Mazur owski, who was operations group commander at the 86th, were forced to quit, - AP.

Belarus clashes Riot police clashed with 3,000 anti-presidential demonstra-tors who marched in the cen-

tre of the Belarus capital yes-terday demanding that charges be dropped against opposition leaders detained after a Cher-Pérez convicted

Venezuela's supreme court yesterday found the former president, Carlos Andres Perez, aged 73, guilty of cor-ruption and sentenced him to two years and four months house arrest. - Reuter.

Firefighting crisis Basic tools and cash are desperately needed to fight fires day. — Reuter.

raging out of control across Mongolia, a European Union observer said as the death toll rose to 26. — Reuter.

Pay freeze

A power plant in Murmansk, Russia, inside the Arctic Circle, stopped heating homes de-spite freezing weather be-cause it ran out of money due to £19 million worth of unpaid bills. - AP. Sudan hangings

A Sudanese court sentenced six men to be hanged and three to be crucified for armed rob-bery, the official Suna news

agency said. — Reuter. Genocide denied The first two suspects to appear before the UN tribunal in Arusha. Tanzania, on

n Arusha. 12022012, on Rwanda's ethnic slaughter in 1994 yesterday denied genocide and crimes against humanity. Georges Rutaganda, an agricultural engineer, aged 37, and an official, Jean Paul Akayesu, aged 43, both Hutus, sat impassively during sepa-rate hearings. — Reuter. **Economy carrier**

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Israel at the crossroads

Likud's election will be bad news for peace

already suggesting that Binyamin Netanyahu will do just as well. The peace process is in safe hands, the Likud candidate himself — who has spent months denouncing it — now lets it be known. Western governments argue dent Assad wants). This goes well betat there is no viable alternative to it. Syria and other radical Arab voices, hardly inclined to applaud Shimon Peres anyhow, maintain that both potential tential prime ministers will be judged by results. All of this is whistling in the dark. If Mr Netanyahu's apparent victory is confirmed by the overseas and soldiers' votes, no doubt we shall hear a lot more about his "media-friendly" appearance - already being contrasted with Mr Peres's heavier, more restrained delivery which gives him less appeal. "Bibi" may indeed be square-jawed, cool, even sexy. But those not hampered by diplomacy need not be so circumspect about what he and the hardliners in his entourage really represent: Mr Netanyahu's election will be bad news which at the very least must raise a large question-mark about the chances for maintaining peace, let alone advancing further along its road. Mr Netanyahu has been described as

keeping his options open but this is hardly so. He has ruled out statebood for the Palestinians in the final-stage negotiations which should be beginning now. He will not honour the Oslo commitment to discuss Jerusalem: he will not maintain the ban on expropriating more land in its eastern part or on creating new settlements. He will give "special treatment" to protect the ex-tremist Jewish settlers in Hebron. He "does not want, nor is he interested" in a meeting with Yasser Arafat. He proposes if necessary to "negate" Palestinto them, sending in "special army clearly receive.

the pound. Second, if there's the slight-

est risk of a Labour government sell

On the basis of the past few days, it

may be time for a serious rethink.

Sterling has become the darling of the

dealers, rising strongly against the German mark despite Mr Major's precari-

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found that the pound's real trade-

weighted value against a basket of cur-

rencies was 11 per cent below the aver-

even more pounds.

Europe over the beef ban.

AS ISRAEL'S last precious votes are units" to hunt down alleged terrorists. being counted, wishful thinkers are He will take unspecified "action" in Gaza. He will not come down from the Golan Heights under any circumstances, and will offer Syria only a "non-territorial" agreement (which he claims on no evidence to be what Presioffice. It is Mr Peres who has all along kept doors open, correctly calculating that this is the best way to make progress. It is Mr Netanyahu who has played on the fears of Israeli voters and slammed the doors shut in advance.

Those are the voters who have now made their choice - yet by such a narrow margin that neither outcome could be regarded as a decisive verdict. Mr Peres has seen Labour's majority vanish at the hands of extremist assassins, both Jew and Arabs. Mr Netanyahu was more damaged by the first blow, but the subsequent bombings de-molished Mr Peres's advantage. This is a roller-coasting, profoundly unsatisfactory way in which Israeli politics has been condemned to proceed. Another unhappy consequence is the widening gap between the two races. Even now it is being argued that a Labour victory would somehow be less valid because it relies upon the Arab vote — as if Israel's democracy needed to be legitimised by ethnic purity.

Perhaps the criticism that more haste should have been made earlier in the peace process will now seem more convincing, but that has to be a lesson for the future. The further growth of the minority parties indicates a sense of frustration and despair at the expense of both Labour and Likud. Yet ultimately there is no way to restore hope except by going forward. If Bibi is to win his uncertain mandate then, diploian control of security in those West matic congratulations aside, that is the Bank areas where it has been returned message he should overwhelmingly and



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Letters to the Editor

ing how some chemicals may affect the environment is very difficult - but it is only science that can show which ones are dangerous. We all live with risk — as a cyclist I know that all too well; what we need from scientists is not their personal ethics, but reli-able information which we can use to balance risk against benefit. I love cycling. (Prof.) Lewis Wolpert. Univeristy College London Medical School, The Windeyer Building

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EOPLE are certainly much more at risk nowadays: at risk of losing their jobs, or their rights to secu-rity in employment, at risk of spending the last part of their lives in poverty due to an eroded state pension; and at eroded state pension; and at risk of losing their entitlement to free health care or education. Yet John Vidal is worried about beef, baby milk and bypasses. And he is not

Environmental scares dominate the news these days - London SWIA 0AA.

OHN Vidal misunderstands the nature of
science (Be very afraid,
Comment page, May 29).
Science is about understanding how the world works. Scientific knowledge is valuefree. There is no intrinsic bad
or most in any chemical, any serts that every environmental scare is worse than the last, and that they are invariably true. That simply is not the case. Whatever happened he is absolutely right. Radio-active-waste disposal and de-commissioning of redundant to that flesh-eating bug? The new bulonic plague? Ebola? The greenhouse effect? The oil running out by the millen-nium? The fact that these nuclear reactors remains a huge unresolved problem worldwide. No country has yet devised an adequate solution for either problem — just as no country has yet fully destories petered out as quickly as they appeared does not seem to concern Vidal. commissioned a commer-cially working reactor.

These scares are the product of a society that has With radioactive waste pos-ing a potential threat for tens of thousands of years, many given up trying to change the "big" things — the economy, the social order, the eradication of poverty — and has allowed the resulting feeling of importance to describe to would regard attempts to rationalise and play down those risks as facile. David Miller. of importance to dominate so-1 Cliff Drive. Radcliffe on Trent, called political debate. Let's stop knocking science, ignore the eco-scares, get back to real politics and start using technology and development to make all of our lives better. Notts NG12 1AX.

Bath.

BECAUSE I am more likely to kill myself by driving or smoking, accord-ing to Paul Brown, I should not worry about irradiation. The difference is that if I have a bad motoring accident, I kill WHILE agreeing with 95 per cent of John Vidal's myself and maybe two or three other people. If the perceptive essay, I can not people at Chernobyl forget to concur with his dismissal of switch off a reactor, hundreds "sustainable development" as of people develop cancer, half "a meaningless phrase". Susof Europe gets irradiated and sheep pasture as far away as Wales becomes unsafe. offers hope through providing Mike Godwin. ment while avoiding the 48 Longfellow Avenue, manifest unsustainability of

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WHERE'S the strategy? Rail Link. But investing in public transport is not a sufficient answer to road-traffic between British and French transport planning (Limping along in the slow lane, Comment page, May 16). Having just published as a Green Paper the most comprehen-sive statement of transport policy in nearly 20 years, I found the question surprising. There is now an awareness of the risks of over-depen-dence on the car and of its impact on the environment.

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People are asking how we can ensure that air quality and the global environment are not irrevocably damaged over the longer term. There is also increased appetite for spending on public transport. When the Department of Transport had to reduce its expenditure. we cut the road programme and maintained investment in public transport — rail and Underground. Privatising BR and bringing private finance and bringing private finance into the process means we can make better progress than if we relied solely on the taxpayer. The success of this approach is demonstrated by rail projects such as Heathrow Express, Thameslink 2000 and the Channel Tunnel

growth. We are taking measures to reduce further emissions from cars, to improve the management of traffic, and to integrate more closely the planning of transport infrastructure with other land-

Istration Election Result on Knife-edge

use development.

If we are to make the longer-term changes in transport patterns, we need to address issues which include alternatives to car use, but which go far wider. One area is pricing. Whereas key rail fares, for example, are to be pegged to the Retail Price Index for three years and then show decreases in real terms over the next four years, our fuel-duty strategy entails a real annual increase of 5 per cent for the motorist. This gives a clear signal to those contemplating where to live, where to work, and how to move between one and the other, that one mode of travel is going to get cheaper rela-tive to another. Sir George Young MP. Secretary of State for Transport.

DROFESSOR Hilary Land's letter (Women pensioned off, May 28) got me thinking about my own marriage. As the debate on the role of fathers in the family continues, I wonder if my situation strikes a chord with any other mothers? I work part-time outside of home, and part-time freelance from within home, and my salary pays for the food, rent and basic bills for our family. Most of my husband's salary is shunted off to pay for his pension, his savings plans, his car, his ciga-rettes, his magazines, his nights out with his mates and his clothes — clothes which are hurled into the laundry basket after he's worn them for just a few hours. He also needs an orderly house and a "proper cooked meal" every evening because he "works" (Yet I am the one who has

If I got shot of my husband today my quality of life would I would be rid of all that extra monotonous hard work which my husband creates. But he, of course, will have all the pension money from our marriage. Pension-splitting cannot come soon enough.

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A Country Diary

Shellshocked

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CO Soundings (Society, May 29) talks of "Ogonis worried about getting hanged for opposing Shell". The implication is false. We assume this is a reference to the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other defendants last year. These people were hanged for their alleged involvement in the murder of four Ogoni chiefs — and not because they opposed Shell Indeed, Shell was not operating in the Ogoni area at the time of the murders.

The column talks of "being shot with Shell imported guns". Shell has never imported guns into Nigeria. More than 10 years ago we funded the purchase of 107 handguns for police who are assigned to protect Shell staff and facilities against violent crime. These special police have no other duties. The handguns were procured by the police — not Shell. Shell paid the bill because this is a requirement of the Nigerian police, as it is for other com-panies. Finally, where Shell is responsible for a spillage, it readily pays compensation. Eric Nickson.

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nomic clothes, Mr Blair continued to

age in the 25 years from 1970 to 1995. But there is more to it than that. The UK economy looks quite attractive to overseas investors, and all the more so because the rest of continental Europe is doing so badly. In fact, the markets probably take roughly the same view of Britain as the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Develop-

Prognosis: slow return to health

But the OECD's forecast is better than its policy prescriptions

ment, which last night unveiled its annual health check of the UK. Like the Government, the OECD believes the UK will soon emerge from its growth pause and perk up nicely in the second half of the year. Like the UK government, the OECD believes the official jobless total, lest we forget, is labour market reforms of the past 17 still double the level the Conservatives government, the OECD believes the years are good for jobs.

FOR years, decades even, foreign ex- | So much, so obvious. The OECD change dealers in the City have oper- report is only released after consultaated on two unbreakable principles. I tion with the Treasury, so any nasty First, nobody ever gets fired for selling | bits are airbrushed out. What is more, the think-tank's economists are firmly wedded to the idea that open markets. low inflation and labour market flexibility are the route to sustainable

In fact, the OECD's forecasts look pretty accurate. Manufacturing in the UK is having a tough time, but should recover once stronger consumer spending eats into stocks of unsold goods and export markets brighten. Providing Kenneth Clarke resists the temptation to do what Reggie Maudling did in 1964 and stoke up an uncontrollable boom, recent report by Salomon Brothers Mr Blair could be the first Labour prime minister to inherit an economy

> in fairly good shape. The markets would love it if, having stolen some of the Government's ecowear them after the election. But Labour would do well to pay less attention to the OECD's policy prescriptions than its forecasting, particularly given the new pro-growth, anti-downsizing mood in the United States.

> There is no evidence, thus far, that the current orthodoxy — crushing the last remnants of inflation and pricing frightened workers back into jobs - is the answer to the unemployment problem that is gripping the West. The inherited in the bad old days of 1979.

Tripping up

CATHERINE Bennett (Why the right people stay at home, Comment page, May 29) derides the traveller's desire to visit certain far-flung places saying that to do so is to condone tyrannical regimes. She pours scorn on the passivity of the tourist, who takes advantage of a country's superficial pleasures while ignoring its terrible iniquities thereby displaying "callous curiosity". While mocking tourists is one of life's pleasure ("you are a tourist; I am a traveller"). surely it is equally passive, and perhaps even more os-trich-like, to place a cordon sandtaire around large areas of the world for reasons that are

often highly subjective. It is indisputable that many countries are governed along tyrannical lines; Burma is one of them. And it is entirely right that democratic countries should express their disapproval of these regimes in the strongest terms. However, by compiling our own league table of leprous states, year, and have been struck London W2 5AE.



and then isolating them, [most deeply by the extraordisurely we contribute more to the perpetuation of these egimes, and the consequent misery of their people, than we do by visiting them. Seeing a country for oneself — how-ever much may be hidden from foreign eyes - and trying to come even to an imper-fect understanding of its system is surely preferable to making armchair generalisations based upon prejudice. I have never been to Burma, but Iran — to Catherine Ben-nett "that ill-natured country" — I have visited over the past

Y rising irritation at the Guardian's recent habit

of cheapening any theatrical

news by introducing the pejo-

headline (Luvvies' delight at

£22m Rada lottery grant, May 24) on a perfectly sensible piece. It is as though any

article about doctors always

carried such a heading as

"Quacks quake" or about law-yers "Leeches complain".

British actors enjoy artistic

fame throughout the world

and contribute positively to

our trade balance. They do not

deserve to be sent up by your

lame-brained headline backs.

Lord Jenkins of Putney.

Lower Richmond Road.

genuine expressions of (unde-served) gratitude that we were visiting their country.

If it is perhaps a little naive to believe — as I do — that contact between nations can only be positive, it is surely arrogant in the extreme to imagine that by staying away we can exert any significant

> Mark Sutcliffe. 26 Bridstow Place,

In aid of a hero

DAVID Kitson's contribu-

The National Executive Council of MSF not only recently extended financial support but also paid for a visit by David to Britain, to lecture on his experience of the apartheid regime. We welcome the government's Truth Commission and believe this will help to expose the injustices of the past. Roger Lyons. MSF General Secretary.

nary warmth of the Iranian people, and above all by their

against apartheid in South Af-rica was rightly highlighted rative "luvvies" into the heading has been driven to the point of protest by your on your letters page (Cry free-dom for a hero, May 28). But your correspondents were inaccurate in suggesting that his trade union, now MSF, had refused to assist him.

pressure on regimes that NORTHUMERLAND: Coal | Allans were a branch of the clearly thrive best in

rier has been synonymous with our north east colliery communitles for over 100 years. It isn't only bedlingtons but also lurchers and ferrets which you find in garden sheds. Last week I went to the Woodhorn show where, in the shadow of the now redundant colliery wheel, hundreds of enthusiasts gathered with the essential characteristics of their canines. The lifeblood of the breed, namely the corthese communities has been rectly shaped body with long. sapped by unemployment, but the dogs on show here were not deprived. Unlike many terrier breeds in Britain which have become gentrified to the detriment of the workmanlike presence which they should possess, the majority of the taped rings. Lurchers our miners' dogs are still were there in every shape, our miners' dogs are still were there in every shape, allowed to get their paws size and colour but the covdirty. Bedlington terriers are etcd silverware went to a of ancient lineage. Rothbury raider from over the Border. A Forest was a stronghold of these dogs and in 1825 the name bedlington replaced rothbury. The earliest mention of the rothbury terrier is mostly but flocked to congratin the life of the Northum-brian piper, James Allan. The

miners have always been dog-lovers and the bedlington ter-many of whom were pipers of many of whom were pipers of merit. The rothbury terriers were unequalled as ratters, fast enough to nobble a rabbit and courageous enough to tackle a badger or an otter, valuable attributes in a gypsy encampment. Bedlingtons look like woolly lambs but their looks belie them. The dogs at Woodhorn still bore rectly shaped body with long, muscular neck set on wellmade, sloping shoulders. The long back gives the true bed-lington arch at the loin, an important feature. Each group of enthusiasts formed its own show within a show around delightful hairy bitch. The dog had such a pretty owner that the Sassenachs, predominately male, show

ulate the couple.

VERONICA HEATH

Why explain the inexplicable?

Bradman's cricketing genius should speak for itself

statistician has shown that Sir Donald | ald would rule the world and Australia Bradman is the greatest achiever of all time in any sport. His record — which includes a century every third innings and an 18-year career Test average of 99.94 - goes so far beyond the norm that it will take 100,000 years and one million more Test players before he is likely to be equalled.

In that light it was understandable that, when Australia's Channel 9 secured a rare interview with the 87-year old cricketer this week, interviewer Ray Martin should take the opportunity to ask Bradman why he was so much better at the great game than anyone else. What was just as predictable was that not even the Don would know what to say. "Don't ask me that. I don't know

the answer," he replied. Sir Donald is legendary for his proud restraint. But this was not evasion. What else was he supposed to say? If from now until the end of time.

USING Bell curve analysis, a sports | greatness could be explained, Sir Donwould be even more unbeatable at cricket than they are anyway. Fortunately for us, we only know that he was unique, not how come.

The Don made more runs and fewer errors than anyone before or since. Some called him a machine, which is more of a compliment than it was intended to be. Even to those who never saw him, his name makes the spine tingle. The late Brian Sellars said that to describe him as a phenomenon was merely to acknowledge the paucity of one's vocabulary. Neville Cardus did better, suggesting that Bradman was as good a batsman as Bach was a composer. And sure enough, if JSB was around today, someone from Channel 9 would have to ask him how he put the notes together so well. But neither he nor anyone else would be able to say,

Ode to louts and luvvies

EETHOVEN'S Ode to Joy (Letters, May 28-30) is a brilliant choice as the theme music for the European Football Championship. It was, after all, the favourite music of Alex in the film A Clockwork Orange. I can see the football Droogs now, singing Alle Menschen werden Brilder. and putting the boot into one (Dr) RT Llewellyn.

Christ's College, Cambridge CB2 3BU. ACCORDING to an authoritative biography, Beetho-

ven's mother was Flemish and his father Spanish. Arguments about his German ori gins hereby collapse. Norman Freeburg. 75 Kenilworth Court, 5 Halifax Close, York YO4 2XF. London SW15 1EN.

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NTER quest for the country's most amusing public relations office, a new contender comes forward. It is British Energy. The nuclear power stations company has launched a share offer, and to this end s alickly produced "fact sheet" has arrived. Wouldbe investors concerned about nuclear waste will and much to assuage their fears. "In common with other organisations, such as hospitals, which produce as nospitals, which produce radioactive waste, the radioactive discharges by the nuclear industry are strictly regulated," it says. So a hospital and a nuclear plant produce similar amounts of similarly radioactive material, do they? How comforting. What gives British Energy such a great chance of winning the 1996 title, however, is this: "The process of producing electricity from nuclear power is broadly similar to other types of power stations, such as coal, oll or gas," we are told, "except in respect of the source of heat". Utterly magnificent.

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Shellshocked

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ROUBLE breaks out in Cambridge over the forthcoming Tripos exams, for which there has never been an announ ment to begin. Worried that students, unaware of this curlosity, might lose time waiting in vain for an instruction, the history fac-ulty has asked the board of examinations to change the rule. Thrice, however, the board's chairman has written to Boyd Hilton, history director of studies, refusing the request. For one thing, he says, examiners might forget to tell the students; and for another, "a barked announcement might cause ervous examinees to panic". The sweetness.

N emendation has been spotted in the London Evening Standard, in whose early edition yesterday drama critic Nicholas de Jongh (reviewing the musical Dames At Sea) wrote: "Jason Gardiner's Dick leaves me quite unim-pressed." Later, though, it was "Jason Gardiner in the role of Dick . . ." What a lot of fuss to make about a little thing like that.

Portland Thistle hotel in Manchester, which barred two friends of the Diary from coming in for a coffee at 11.30pm under the Fire Protection Act (1971), deepens. Thistie press offi-cer Julia Record rings a senior executive and ac-cuses the Diary of being Touchingly, she trots out "off the record as though this were some protection against the writs for libel and slander (to be painted the Gazza of the Guardian! The shame, the shame!) I may have to discuss with my old friend. Peter Carter Ruck next week. Perhaps exhausted by her masterstoke, Miss Record declines to discuss the matter further. Ab well, it's early days. The search for an explanation goes on.

ROWSING through What It's Like Being Famous, the penultimate chapter in Major, Major, I note that, when in Manchester to appear on the Mrs Merton Show, Terry Major-Ball stayed at the "the prestigious Albert and Victoria Hotel". Terry, popping in for a nice cup of tea, reports that things have quietened after a frenzied few weeks: last Thursday, for instance, he got to bed at 5am after partying at his friend Peter Stringfellow's club, and then at the Claremont Club with Dai Llewel-lyn. That evening, mean-while, the book's launch while, the book's launch party took place at a West End gallery. The Beverley Sisters were there (yes, all three of them), and so was Beryl Bainbridge. "She's a very nice lady," says Terry, "and so are the Beverleys." And mon this note of the And upon this note of typical Terry chivalry, we say our farewells.

ESPITE the do-nothing disciplinary instincts of Terry Venables and the FA, Paul Gascoigne has not escaped punishment for his air-borne vandalism after all. of the comes in, I'll have to ask him to leave," says Brian, landlord of the Guardian pub, the Coach And Horses. "We don't want his type in here. I'm sorry, but he's barred."



ER — a big event on the small screen

Commentary

Peter Preston

HEN something, for a few weeks or a few months, goes unassailably right, when the buzz of creativity is with it, when you know you're watching the state of a particular art — then cele-brate. Which is the reason for writing about ER.

Television criticism has always had its little idiosyncraways had its little idiosyncra-cies. In olden days, your critic — let's say the beloved Nancy — would have to sit there in her front parlour, live on the night, and let the copytakers back at the office have something comprehensi-ble by 10 20cm. ble by 10.30pm. This viewing verite often yielded great results, but it was tough on adrenalin and tougher still on the worthy programmes which followed News At Ten — the great unwatched and unmentioned. Gradually TV companies began to organise small preview sessions for critics powers from after the companies of the compani critics, pouring from after-noon taxis in Shepherds Bush or Soho — and then, with en-hanced technology, came vid-eotapes and motorcycle mes-

about your average engaged viewer sitting in front of a set through the evening and more, far more, about what the firms supplied for an article which could be delivered the previous afternoon and run, without change, through all editions.

This switch was mostly pure gain. It avoided tricky page changes in the middle of the night and presses stopped with a spurious precision to avoid readers in Kent and Chester certains. Chester getting the same review on two successive mornings. But it also removed some of the random actuality from writing about TV. The critics were less and less there through the evening in question, reacting as things went wrong and one show bounced unexpectedly off another. Criticism, for daily papers, became rather a simulated and pre-selected ex-

perience. All of which makes review ing life difficult for any 24-part series beginning at 10pm on a Wednesday night. They may be mentioned after epi-sode one, or briefly, later, with some special hype. But they are rarely seen as a whole. That is one reason why we can still ritually claim British television is the best in he world. It can usually manage a couple of shows of high quality a night, if you leave out the bits in between. The boast, however, is be-coming increasingly ridicu-

Thus, gradually, television | lous for the more normal criticism ceased to be much | viewer. Where, for instance about your average engaged | is the British Steven Bochco And where on earth — from Cardiac Arrest to Casualty — is there anything to match

> Bochco has been the domi nant creative force in serial-ised drama for 15 years. He began with Hill Street Blues in 1981, setting a raw, grainy, layered style, weaving two or three separate tales back and forth across an hour. (Turn to a re-run of The Champions or The Pretanders on a Sunday night and remember what life was like in the plodding dark ages of a single plot.)

> Bochco is a restless, vi-brant innovator. He's had his flops — he made Doogie Howser MD. But he followed Hill Street Blues with LA Law, then NYPD, then Murder One. His ideas and his stories worked: and he gath-ers around him directors and writers of intal class. There is a School of Bocheo which follows him from American channel to channel and which no other team in the world has been able to replicate.

Until now, that is. ER is getting close to the end of its second season, pavilioned al-ready in record halls of awards and contracts for showing in 40 countries. At first (critical) view it seemed merely hectic, sub-Bochco: same pace, same blend, but set in the emergency room of media-studies theses you a Chicago hospital, not a New could write about ER. The use York police precinct house. It of silicone models and air and looked as if Michael Crichton blood bladders for simulated

The hawk strikes

the plan episone 20 years ago, before Bochco, and forgot about it in improduced frustration. The idea of taking over a hospital emergency room through 20 hours and following all its necessarily transitory dramas was his

idea — resuscitated when Spielberg found the bursed script. What the second series has done is turn this into something unrelentingly Bochco, meanwhile, seems

to be struggling. Murder One — a single trial stretched OJlike across half a year - got

You switch off exhausted and then find people traumatised in the office next day

wiped out by ER head-to-head in America. It avoided firstin America. It avoided first-year cancellation last week, but only at the price of axing its hooded-eyed legal eagle of a star. NYPD, in its third sea-son, has been running close to empty on ideas or new characters this spring. Some of the best ER direc-tors, like Charles Haid, are

Bocheo graduates They were actors he was first to try out behind the cameras. Some of the ER stars — such as Sherry Stringfield — are people Bochco let go. There are any number of

and Steven Spielberg (from law Jurassic Park academy) had simply ripped off and coarsened a winning formula. Bin such unworthy thoughts. One of the 10 topselling paperbacks in Britain this week is Behind The Scenes At ER, a stolid patrol around the show from genesis to triumph. Crichton wrote the pilot episode 20 years ago. Before Bochco, and forgot alone with a night of tragealone with a night of trage dies piled one on another you have switched off ex-bausted at the end and found people in the office the next day equally traumatised. They shoot the hour a week

in eight days flat, they echo the strain and the pressure off-screen in front of the cameras In a curious way, you feel, life and art replicate and feed off each other.

It will not, of course, last like that for much longer. This is not Brookside or Coro-This is not Brookside or Caro-nation Street, folloping along from year to year. It is de-signed to wear itself out, eventually to lose edge and freshness and stars (like Ross) to Hollywood. That is the penalty of working on the brim of a creative canyon. Nothing can be routine; everything has to be sus-tained and pushed forward again and again.

Catch it, in short, whilst you can. It is, for the moment, definitive. I went back to Karaoke the other night with a sinking heart. Almost from habit, television puts itself down, agrees shruggingly that its shows and its lumi-naries are somehow inferior to big-screen pictures or nights at the theatre.

It is an odd hang-up. Crichton has never written any-thing better than the pilot he knocked out when he was a medical student. He will never, I guess, be associated with anything which careens as unstoppably as ER. It may not fit the peculiar pattern of reviewing life. But it's one of those events that, 20 years on of silicone models and air and you will look back to, and

activists drinking coffee

through the long afternoon hours on May 29, idle because party workers had no idea

where potential supporters, in need of assistance to vote,

among them Natan Shar-

ansky's new immigrant party,

the ultra-Orthodox Shas and

United Torah Judaism, and

the settlers' favourite National Religious Party —

all of which can be relied upon to keep him in power into the next century.

tragedy for Israel and
the peace process?
Some argue that he
will prove more pragmatic than he has sounded,

more ready for compromise and conciliation once the real

burden of leadership is on him. But that is to suggest that "Bibi" is the empty ves-sel his arrogant Labour de-tractors branded him, uncom-

mitted to any ideology, and driven by personal ambition.

This hardly squares with his fierce revisionist upbringing.

or with his repeated prom-ises, once in office, to renew government funding for West Bank Jewish settlement ex-

pansion, to close down the PLO's East Jerusalem offices, and to cancel the Israeli

army's imminent scheduled withdrawal from Hebron, the

last West Bank city it

Sealed off in the West Bank

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MUROPE? Count me in. I'm all yours, Delors.

The all yours, Delors.

The property of the xenophobic fat-cats of the Tory right would have us be-lieve — not to mention the middle-class males on Mur-doch's Sun — I'm just one of many millions of Brits who considers herself first and

foremost a European.
And a good European, too. It
doesn't make one jot of difference to me if I'm talking to a German or a French, though obviously it's best if they make the effort to speak clearly, as sometimes their English accents are — sorry, guys, but I've sotta say it! really not much good at all.

Whenever I can find the time to drag myself away from work, I hop on the P & O ferry (not the Chunnel, because, for all their incredible and greatly under-rated qualities as dress designers, waiters, etcetera, I'm not sure I trust the French as les engineers — 'nuff said!). The moment my feet touch French soil and I breathe in the French air, I feel the most the French air, I feel the most extraordinary sense of release. "Okay," I think to myself, "So perhaps they have never won a war in their lives, perhaps they mange a little too much garlic, perhaps they carry themselves around with their noses in the air sneering haughtily at the rest of us, and perhaps their sense of humour could do with a bit of fine could do with a bit of fine tuning. But they make the & Spencer, and say what you like about the state of their toilets, they certainly know how to make a tasty quiche." In fact, I'm so in love with

France and all things French (apart from the obvious) that might be located.

For want of 21,300 votes, Labour is now reduced to hoping, pathetically, that Netanyahu might invite it to join a "unity government"—to maximise consensus in a divided country at a crucial inncture. But Netanyahu did not spend months plotting Labour's defeat only to welcome it into his camp in the first flush of victory. Not when he can call on smaller and less threatening partners my new children's character European Ideal, at the Hay-on-Wye Lit. Fest. this week.

As I was explaining to Melvyn, the aim of this book is to bring the European ideal into the lives of our kids from an early age, encouraging fhem to break out of the tread-mill of Little England xenophobia that has hampered the people of this country for too long. So as to get the kids interested, I've even inserted a fair bit of my well-known

sense of humour! Like all Prench bears, Flo is a teeny-weeny bit arrogant, with poor skin under all that make-up skin under all that make-up and precious little common-sense. She is often given to exchanging high-falutin' talk about philosophy and ideas in roadside cafes with her pre-tentious pal Albert Camel. But watch out Albert and Flo — here comes trouble! It arrives in the shape of the German creatures Adolf Hippo and his best friend Joseph Gerbil, both of them determined to take over the cafe and force everyone to speak German. Albert and Flo give in straight away, as you'd expect, so now it's up to our very own Winston Chipmunk to rescue them - with hilari-

In this way, I plan to get our kids truly interested in the marvellous mix of different cultures to be found in Europe and to knock down barriers — as well as letting them see that Europeans are people just like us, even if they don't share our ability to laugh at ourselves, our commonsense, our standards of general hygiene

or our concern for justice.

It's uncanny that my book is being published in the very same week when Mr John Major and his Unmerry Men (pardon the pun!) are reveal-ing themselves in their true colours as unreconstructed Little Englanders. Thank heavens Tony, Robin, Peter, Jack and the rest of us in New Labour are all convinced Europeans. We truly believe that the only way ahead for Britain is to position ourselves right in the very heart of Europe — so that then we can be perfectly placed to tell our age-old enemies exactly

ND with deeper European integration comes incredible benefits. Barbara Follett told me when I weekended with her in Stevenage last week that thanks to the EU you can now get decent new-paw in her constit-uency. And, believe me, Bar-bara has been worried sick about the condition of the paw-paw in her constituency for a good many months now. To foster the European ideal

in New Labour, Tony has de-cided to conduct every third meeting of the policy commit-tee wholly in French. "Bon-jour, tout is monde!" he says as he enters the committee room. "Borjour, Monsieur Tony!" we all reply. All of us, that is, except for my good friend John Prescott, who looks a little baffled, raises his eye-'e on about, then?" before falling into a sturned silence.
Tony then gets on with the business of the day. " Jespère

très bien à sidetiner Monsieur Jean Prescott aux decisions du policy pour maintenant, d'oc-cord? he says. He then asks for a show of hands, and John's hand shoots up in agreement, not having under-stood a word he said. As I was saying, the EU can truly work miracles.



away from his television, told relatives and aging early results would show that he had won the Israeli elections, and went off to bed. When he woke up a few hours after, it was to a different Israel. Less than 200 days after a

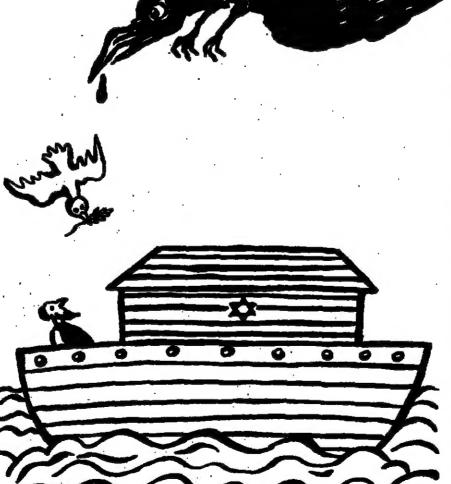
Jewish extremist had gumned down his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, spurring unprecedented national mourning, and unprecedented support with the Palestinians, Israeli voters have repudiated Ra-bin's legacy. While Benjamin Netanyahu's advantage may be slender, his majority among Israel's Jewish votars is decisive — a clear 10 per cent. That the vota was close at all reflects the high turnout among Israel's Arab voters, desperate to save the country from itself. Netanyahu succeeded be-

cause he played on Israelis' fears, and because Peres failed convincingly to alleviate them. The Likud leader knew he could never win an election by stating baldly, or even implying that he in-tended to halt the land-forpeace accords with the Pales-tinians. (Most Israelis recognise those accords as a reasonable basis for reconciliation.) So he instead promised the idyllic formula of "peace with security".
Instead of exposing the ab-

surdity of Netanyahu's notion of making peace with Syria while retaining the Golson Reights, or of promoting co-existence with the Palestinians while branding their leader an unreformed terrorist. Peres's campaign was cowed into silence, overwhelmed by Netanyahu's con-fidence, vigour, and conviction that it was his destiny to become prime minister. Although Ramas suicide bombers did not strike inside

srael in the three months or Israel in the three months or so before election day, Netan-yahu's nightly commercials persuaded the public that they were living in a state of near-panic, reminding them that they were terrified of sending their children on the buses. Instead of deriding the tactic and highlighting the tactic, and highlighting the growing trust and co-operation with Arafat's security forces that helped keep the bombers at bay, Perce's response was to -acknowledge that the security alart had never been higher and Hames was hell-bent on more attacks.

Labour's leaders were so sure that they had won this election that they forgot to tall the public. The majority that was well within their that was allowed to slip that was allowed to slip away — by ministers late out tactic, and highlighting the growing trust and co-opera-tion with Arafar's security forces that helped keep the



on to the trail, campaign orga-nisers preoccupied with their own internal rivalries, and a candidate who was simply uncandidate who was simply im-electable. Where else in the world could a major party leader, having falled on four separate occasions to win an outright majority in general elections, have been granted a fifth opportunity, as Peres was here? And who else but

a US adver-tising guru to devise a

campaigning converting voters one by one with a handshake and two seconds of extra-sincere eye contact?

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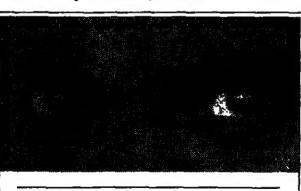
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and Gaza for weeks by Israeli closure orders, the Palestin-ians are not best pleased with how the peace process has been unfolding of late. A failure by the new Israeli govern-ment to implement agree-ments signed by the old ments signed by the did would add dangerously to the frustration. And if a new Inti-fada were to erupt, it would be a far bloodier affair than its previous incarnation, because the Palestinians now have thousands of armed policemen to place on the front line.

front line.

Netanyahu's plans for "peace with security" are more likely to produce renewed conflict with the Palestinians, in turn straining ties with moderate Arab ctates like Louden Laminary. states like Jordan. In voting for Netanyahu, Israelis ig-nored ummistakable signals from the Clinton administrafrom the Clinton administra-tion that Peres was the pre-ferred candidate. Reviled not only by radical Arab regimes, but by the moderates, and back on a collision course with the US. Israel may find itself in a state of siege: And that really is something for

editor of the Jerusalem Report.



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Grammarian's ear for real English

ian has died aged 65. Although offi-cially retired, Greenbaum and above all, on English he followed it through with came research assistant grammar. Last month his the utmost commitment under Prof Randolph Quirk Oxford English Grammar was bringing together a large in (now Lord Quirk of Bloomspublished. A volume pro-claimed with justice by its publishers as a "ground-breaking new authority, based on the evidence of real English", it resulted in its author being called upon for many media appearances — a rare form of celebrity for a for English as an international grammarian. While working language. ICE is well ad-intensively on this major work, Greenbaum was also engaged in another, even and is sure to maintain its greater, project — the Inter-national Corpus of English. ICE, to give it its customary

acronym, is a ground plan to collect a representative sample of different Englishes sense, was still climbing it at

ROFESSOR Sidney | American English, Canadian | his career as a London pri- | English. The basis for this Greenbaum the | English, Caribbean English, | mary school teacher in 1964, | innovation was above all the and many others. ICE reprewhere English is mainly the native language, but other ists from nearly 20 countries. Each country is to collect a million words of samples of spoken and written English store it on computer, and use momentum in spite of Sid-ney's untimely death. Sidney Greenbaum climbed the long educational ladder of

degree in English through evening classes at Birkbeck college. Then in 1965 he bebury) who had recently set up the Survey of English Usage at University College London. Foster Court at UCL became a study of English as a contemporary and international language. Under Sidney's leadership, it has still remained the world epicentre of English language studies. In the late 1960s, the partnership between Randolph Quirk and Sidney Greenbaum — combined with others such as Jan Spartvik — whilst cominal in

evidence. In pursuit of English usage, Sidney pio-neered ingenious "elicitation experiments" that tap into the minds of ordinary native speakers. For example, do native speakers prefer "We recommend that he pay full tuition" or "we recommend

that he pays full tuition"?
This lively empiricism, using expensive data of written and spoken English, was the recurrent theme of Sidthe recurrent theme of Sid-ney's earlier books such as Studies in English Adverbial usage (1971) and Acceptability in Language (1977). The part-nership with Randolph Quirk was extended to other co-authors, Jan Svartvik and the Sidney Greenbaum — com-bined with others such as Jan Svartvik - whilst seminal in developing a new culture and methodologies for the study of ration persisted through a



brought a rare celebrity

books known "the Quirk grammars", culminating in the truly ponderous A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language of 1985. Through these books Sidney's meticulous scholarship in the

Lord Margadale

heated arguments on the status of adverbials or the classification of appositional

sisted, in spite of Sidney's move to the USA, in 1968 to work as Assistant Professor at the University of Oregon, then eventually as full Professor at the University of Wis-consin. The years in America, where he came to feel very much at home, extended his interest in the worldwide dimerest in the worldwide di-mensions of contemporary English, eventually bearing fruit in his *The English lan-*guage *Today* in 1985. But his roots remained in London, and he took the opportunity to return there when he was offered the Quain Chair of English Language and Libers. English Language and Litera-ture at University College

the Faculty of Arts (1988-90) he retired from the Quain

achieved a firm and enduring | as director of the Survey of | be faithful to observed usage, friendship, despite many | English Usage, and Visiting | and the educated need to adwere the most productive. Quite apart from the labours of the ICE, he devoted his atbe informed, entertained and their native tongue. With Janet Whitcut, he undertook Ernest Gowers. Other volumes followed: The Longman Guide to English Usage (also with Janet Whitcut), A Col-lege Grammar of English, An Introduction to English Grammar and about 150 entries in The Oxford Companion to the English most of all is the slim volume Good English and the

trod the tightrope between de-

years of decline in the university study of the native language have seen to that. To his friends, in a deeper sense, his death brings the loss of a man of profound learning and in-

maintained close links with



Motoring is my destiny . . . Sinden as a dandified Toad

Jeremy Sinden

Droll master of the absurd

45, was an actor of traordinary comic talent. As the son of Donald and Diana Sinden, he was bred into the business. But, with his moonish features, portly build and air of assumed solemnity — though in private he was totally devoid of selfimportance - he carved out his own niche as a specialist

Two roles, in particular, define his style. Last Christmas he took over as Toad in the Old Vic revival of the National's perennial hit. The Wind dean green curls and matching check-suit, he turned Toad into a preening, selfpitying dandy. What made him so funny was that he seemed supremely unaware of his own absurdity so that his cry of "Motoring is my destiny" became a hilarious

revelation of the naked ego. In 1994 at the National, he also played Major Swindon in Christopher Morahan's revival of The Devil's Disciple. The part is one of Shaw's nu-merous put-downs of the bone-headed military mentality, but Jeremy Sinden made Swindon even funnier by playing him, from his own point of view, as a man wreathed in a sense of his inironic General Burgoyne, he acquired the sadness of a suddenly pricked balloon.

Obviously, Jeremy Sinden had the advantage of being born into a theatrical family. father was playing in The Heiress and his mother had only recently quit understudying Margaret Leighton in Philadelphia Story. Judg-ing from his father's memoirs, he also showed a canny theatrical instinct early on. At the age of seven, he went with Donald and Henry Sherek to see a rep revival Who's Your Father? which Sherek had recently produced in the West End. Asked his opinion, he ingenously said "I think it's much funner than it was in London" which led a delighted Sherek to dub him

"the boy who always tells the Schooling at Lancing College was accompanied by summer holidays wherever his father was working. He was bitten early by the theat-rical bug and was not shy of offering his opinions. His father tells a story of how, after the first night of Cooney and Chapman's Not Now Dar year-old Jeremy suggested there was an even bigger vincible rightness. Conse- laugh to be had if the name of ploiting a genetic gift for

EREMY Sinden, who | quently when crushed by | an anonymous milk-bar was | comedy, he established his has died of cancer aged | Daniel Massey's suavely | changed to "The Poor Cow." | own particular style based on He turned out to be dead

Although his parents wanted him to go to universi ty. Jeremy unsurprisingly plunged straight into the by stage-managing at Pit-lochry and Cambridge, spent two years in the early 1970s with the RSC and worked his way round the reps at Windsor, Leatherhead, Bristol and Bournemouth.

He got his first big chance in the West End when he took over, at short notice, as Cap-tain Stanhope in the 69 Theatre Company's revival of Journey's End. However, shrewdly, he realised he still had a lot to learn technically and signed on for a three-year course at Lamda winning the Forsyth Award and emerging a much better actor. Because of his build, his

richly fruity voice and inherited skills, he naturally gravitated towards comedy and upper-class characters. He appeared in a variety of West End plays and musicals — in-cluding The Cypsy Princess and Bless the Bride — and a number of TV series such as Brideshead Revisited, Trainer and Middlemarch. Over the years he also became very much his own man. While exeasily deflated aristocratic serenity.

As proof of his indepen-dence, he and his actress wife Delia Lindsay formed a touring company which in 1989 brought Wilde's An Ideal Husband into the West End. With his plumpish features, he was born to play Wilde's aristocratic raisonneur. Indeed Christopher Edwards wrote in The Spectator: "He has made the part memorably his own. His Lord Goring is corpulent and affected, lazy but wise. His epigrams are the most polished in London, his buttonhole the most con-

sciously trivial."
What is particularly saddening about Jeremy Sin-den's death is that, in his middle years, he was reaching total fulfilment as an actor. Never a natural jeune pre-mier, his gift for playing languorous charm and owlish absurdity was at its peak. But, although comic solemnity was his forte, in my brief acquaintanceship with him he was a witty and totally en-gaging man with a genuine passion for the profession into which he was born.

Michael Billington

Jeremy Sinden, actor, born June 14, 1950; died May 29, 1996.

and politics IE DEATH of John | family fortune continued to Morrison (Lord Margadale), the former

party's 1922 committee at the between gentlemen within what was once the Gentle-man's party. Chairman of the er's daughter. Margadale, an outdoor man '22 under Harold Macmillan, his 17 stone figure was guar-anteed to keep order, even antsed to keep order, even when the party was snubbed by de Gaulle's veto over our entrance to Europe, and dismayed by John Profumo's sexual goings-on. One of the richest landowners in the country, he was not beyond affectation, driving to the Commons in a 1938 Morris Eight, from which he would

Blood sports

leagues, not a sew of whom were his kinsmen. In those days most Tory MPs were related the one to the other, and were called "Charlis"; called "Norman"

A grateful Macmillan made him Lord Margadale. This was not only in return for services rendered during his Premiership (and Macmillan was none too popular among many of the Gents), but for Morrison's support in the Tory leadership battle of 1957 when Harold Macmillan deftly outmanoueuvred Rab Butler. Macmillan spend part of every August on Margadale's enormous Scottish estate, slaughtering grouse with gay ahandon. Ed-ward Heath found the Isle of Islay less congenial, and Lady Thatcher not at all.

Morrison could never have been described as "eloquent": his speeches were few and far between, but his influence over the Tory party was im-mense. With Morrison overseeing the '22, it was left to Martin Redmayne, the Chief Whip, to let the side down. He more than anyone else should have known about Profumo's proclivities. But, in those faroff days, one gentleman was inclined to believe the word of another, which would never be the case within John Major's party.

Margadale's wealth had its

origins in drapery, his greatgrandfather having cornered
the market on black crepe at
the time of Prince Albert's funeral. His great-grandfather
died worth 23 million, and the

lake in margatale into the
upper echelons of both royalty (through the Bowes-Lyons)
and the Conservative party.

Islay House, which radiated
feudalism from the village of
Bridgend, became a regular

expand steadily. He was politically quite shrewd; he was one of the first to spot Margaret Thatcher as a future party leader, a compliment paid by

Foxbounds but an MFH, he MFHs in England, made his maiden speech in the Lords on the subject of plovers' eggs. He entered Parliament as Tory MPs. Charlie, the elder, was a care to avoid the Commons.

Brian Wilson adds: While Lord Margadale may be best remembered for his member-ship of the Tory Magic Circle, when the party was run by men in tweed suits, his more beneficial legacy to society might be considered to be a de luxe whisky, Islay Mist. The blend was first produced at Laphrosig distillery on Islay to mark the young Laird's coming of age and continues

to occupy a respected niche in the whisky market. When John Granville Morrison became recipient of the last hereditary peerage in the Douglas-Home resignation list, the title he chose — Margadale — was taken from the name of a salmon river on Islay, of which he owned 74,000 acres. The Morrisons, then of Basildon, had longstanding family connections with Islay and bought the island in 1853. Perhaps the most surprising point is that it took more than a century for the title to follow. By then, marriage and politics had taken Margadale into the



Tory prime ministers.
The last time Margadale words: "I should first of all like to congratulate my cousin, Lord Granville. We had the same grandfather who was a Liberal Foreign younger brother, Peter, who sat for Chester, has been blamed by many for Mrs Thatcher's defenestration in 1990. As her Parliamentary Private Secretary, he ran am than the Granville Morrison family tree of here insteads. unprofessional campaign on family tree of how interlock-her behalf. He died soon after. Margadale is succeed by his tween land ownership, politistatus. The purchase of Islay was, in each of these respects, a fine investment for a Basildon merchant.

one was expected to know their place. Lord Margadale (John Morrison), politician and landowner, born December 16, 1905; died May 25, 1996

speech, which was on the sub-ject of the Nature Conser-

keeper or hunt servant would know much more of nature on

those of greater brainpower who now sit on the NCC."

It was a fitting exit from public life for a man who was never noted for his brain-

power but did more than most

to maintain the hegemony of the Tory party and to defend a social order in which every

Birthdays

Lynda Bellingham, actress, 48; Sir John Daniel, vicechancellor, Open University, 54; Judge Linda Davies, 51; Andrea de Cesaris, racing driver, 37; Ben de Lisi, fashion designer, 41; Clint Eastwood, actor, 66; Andrew Grima, jeweller, 75; Al "Tootie" Heath, jazz drummer, 61; Diane Lang-ton, actress, singer, 53; David Marcou, violinist, for-mer chairman, the LPO, 52; Debbie Moore, aerobics expert, founder, Pineapple Dance Studios, 50; Mary O'Rourke, deputy leader, Fianna Fáil, 59; John Prescott MP, deputy leader, Labour Party, 58; Prince Rainier III of Monaco, 73; Sir Michael Sandberg, banker, 69; Sir Neil Shaw chairman and chief execu tive. Tate & Lyle, 67; Brooke Shields, actress, 31; Sir William Taylor, vice-chancellor, Hull University, 66; Terry Waite, writer, broadcaster, former hostage, 57; Peter

Death Notices

eal.LINGSLEY, Donald, died peacafully in Newark, aged 85, on 28th May, Devoted husband of Dora, and much loved tather and grandsather. For many years a Harringty Councillor and Alderman. A histong Socialist who worked tireleasly for the Labour Party HUTCHENSON, End Kathleen, Died peacafully on 25th May. The fureral ceremony will be at Mortake Crematorium, 8th June at 3pm. No Sovers please but donations to NCH Action for Children (85 Highbury Park, London NS 100) will be welcome.

ISTT, Roy Alexander, a dearly loved hus-

ley, and soris Citve, Martin and robert ava-tiour grandchildren.

NETTLETON. Trevor, peacefully on 23rd May at Northwick Park Hospital. He will be greatly missed and always towed by Ros-maria, his wife; daughters Clare and Kim: Este, his motiver, his brother Brien and his many friends and colleagues. Funeral at Christichard. Roseth Hill, Herrow-Cin-The-Hill on Monday 3rd June at 2pm. Family requises no Rowers but donations to The Brain Tumour Foundation and Cancer Research.

Birthdays

Jackdaw 🔧



Sins confessed

1. FORGIVE me, Father for I have sinned. It has been infinite days since my last I have committed the sin of

I often look at my male cat with the longing that cannot be spoken of. He taunts me mercilessly, brushing his tail across my face, but still he will not have me. What shall I

I am truly sorry, Digital Priest: Do not worry. all shall be forgiven. But to be absolved you must now do the following penance: Finish your thesis. View your eventual fate if you continue down this nath have sinned. It has been since my last confession. have committed the sin of fish in the microwave. Bubba, my Oscar (an aggressive fish of the South American Ciclid family) keeps rearranging the aquarium. If he keeps it up, he'll likely end up in the skillet, or microwave (I don't know how good Oscars

am truly sorry. Digital Priest: Do not worry, all shall be forgiven. But to be absolved you must do the following penance: Type perl-e'while(1) *fork* 3. Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been 90 or so days since my last confession.

I have committed the sin of Misplaced Priorities. I thought Republican thoughts today. I heard all about the Pork in the crime bill and felt concern for my own taxes. I even found myself agreeing with Bob Dole yesterday. Please save me I

am truly sorry.
Digital Priest: Do not worry,
all shall be forgiven.
But to be absolved you must do the following penance: Feed the hungry, give them a distinguished donut. More confessions next week from The Holy Scroll of Sins in the Confession Booth: http:/ /anther.learning.cs.cmv.edu/ riest.html

Egg skin AS WELL as being the ideal place for a chick to start life, an egg may be a great place

for nuring skin grafts, researchers believe. Surgeons who repair dam-aged skin with grafts from several problems. Grafted skin takes time to grow in, it can be a different complexion from the surrounding tissue, and the vital nerves and sweat glands that help it func-tion normally can fail to establish themselves. But researchers have found that placing skin inside a hen's egg for a few days rejuvenates it and makes it easier to

Alan McGregor and his colleagues in the Department of Plastic Surgery at the Uni-versity of Wales, Swansea, have slipped scraps of skin between the shell and internal membranes of hen's eggs The environment inside the egg encourages the growth of blood vessels, nerves and sweat glands, so the treated skin should be much easier to

An egg is an ideal medium in which to grow and study skin grafts, says McGregor, because eggs cannot mount an immune response against foreign tissue until almost three weeks after they are fertilised because lymphocytes don't appear in the peripheral circulation of the

chick until the 20th day. For now McGregor and col leagues are simply using the eggs to study potential grafts. He says the next step is to start growing skin inside the

Duck or ostrich eggs would be better than hen's eggs, says McGregor, because they are so much bigger and would | makers, allow more skin to be treated. Airmen, soldiers,

many other birds lay seasonally rather than all year round, and their eggs are much more expensive. Surgeons hatching a better skin groft in the New Scientist

Nymphos SONG of the Nymphomaniac From Baffin Bay down to

Tasmania I've preached and practised nymphomania, Had gentlemen of all complexions. All with varying erections: Coalman, miners, metallurgists, Gurus, wizards, thauma-

turgists, Salesmen, agents, wheelerdealers, Dieticians, nurses, healers, Aerial artists, roustabouts, Recidivists and down-and-

Surgeons, Coroners and

Doctors, Academics, profesand Butchers, bakers, candlepoodlefakers.

Able seamen, captains, Tax-inspectors, traders. brokers, Preachers, canons, rural

Bandy cowboys fed on beans, Civil-servants, politicians, Taxidermists and morticians l like them young, I like them I like them hot, I like them Yet, I'm no tart, no easy lay -



Lit Review: Nymphomania

My name is Death. We'll meet Poem by Fiona Pitt-Kethley,

rugby international, 36.

Winterbottom, England

winner of the Larkhill Green Farm Grand Poetry Prize in the Literary Review. The challenge was to write a reason ably sympathetic poem on the subject of Nymphomania.

Indian rail

There is no arrangement for drinking water. The trains are very crowded. This compartment is filled to In fact we are packed into it ike cattle.

Even cattle are allowed more There is not even elbow

Food is not good. See the swarm of flies. The lavatory is very dirty. Every seat is occupied here. There is room in the next compartment. There, conditions are worse. The above are translated into Hindi in the Universal Self Hindi Teacher. They are given as necessary phrases to travel by train in India.

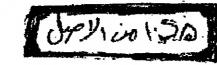
Thanks to John Cupict.

Serious cut

THE police are taking their knife banning duties seriously, judging from an event over the Easter holiday. The seventeen-year-old son of a French school teacher was sitting on a bench outside a church in central Oxford, eating an apple, when he found himself arrested and locked up in a police cell for six hours. What for? Carrying an offensive weapon. With impeccable French manners he had been cutting up his apple neatly with a knife, instead of gnawing it whole as the English do. The police told him that the knife was illegal because it was three and a quarter inches long, when the limit was three inches. Spotted by Diana Capey in The Tablet.

Jackdaw wants your jewels. Email jackdaw@guardlan-.co.uk; fax 0171-7184366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119

Emily Sheffield



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Finance Guardian

Exports help sterling soar

Foreign exchange

overseas in March, the ONS said — the highest on record.

warned that if sterling contin-

ued to rise, the improvement

in trade performance could be short-lived. Half the improve-

ment in the global trade gap was accounted for by pre-cious stones, considered "er-

Data from the ONS on trade

Boom could last London traders take top marks for their currency deals into summer as trade gap closes

Economics Corres

HE pound hit fresh righs on the foreign exchanges yester-day after the release of figures showing record-breaking exports to Britain's continental partners fuelling a much needed

Breaking through the criti-cal 2.35 level against the German mark in morning trade, sterling closed almost a pfennig up on at the day at 23507

— and two cents higher against the US dollar at

Analysis said encouraging trade figures had provided evidence of greater underly-ing strength in the economy and underpinned the pound's

continued rise. Adam Cole, an economist at HSBC James Capel, said: "Sterling has been strong over the past weeks, and the boom could last well into the summer. The good trade fig-ures suggest that the manu-

than we thought." Despite near-recessionary conditions on the Continent, exports to European Union countries jumped to more than 28 billion for the first time, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The gap between sales to Europe and imports was only £126 million in March compared to £416 million the pre-vious month.

Mr Cole said the buoyancy
of the dollar was also giving
sterling a lift, along with sterling a lift, along with growing expectations that the UK would join a European Monetary Union. "The noises from the Labour Party make the possibility of Britain going in more likely—and if we do, it will certainly be at a higher level than the pound was a few weeks ago." was a few weeks ago."

Brisk sales across the Channel — especially to France and the Benelux countries shaved 2500 million off the UK's world trade gap in March, with the shorifall botween exports and imports down to £800 million, against £1.3 billion the previous

United States (16 per cent) or Germany (10 per cent). London also has half the trading in the ecu and some

ONDON'S growing don 21.200 billion (£795 billion)

a day foreign exchange trac ing was underlined yester-day by the results of the latest survey from the Bank for International Almost a third of all for-

eign exchange deals are car ried out through Loudon, ip from 27 per cent at the last survey by the Basicpased BIS in 1992.

In fact, foreign currency ding here is so substa tial that a larger share of business in both the US dol lar (30 per cent) and the German mark (28 per cent) takes place in the United Kingdom than in either the

stronger pound - which thy 23.5 billion, up from £3.2 billion in the last quarter of 1995. Treasury officials makes exports more expen-sive — were already being felt. The gap between non-EU seized on the figures as eviexports and imports was dence of a sustained economic £300 million last month, up recovery, especially in the rom £700 million in March. The ONS said the long-term light of revisions by the ONS to last year's data — which

boosted

31 per cent of the other

European Monetary System

tribution to the strength of London's position is declin-ing, according to the BIS. The pound was the

world's fourth most widely traded currency "but owing to a stagnation of turnover its share declined notice-

ably from 14 per cent to 10

in London itself rose in ab-

solute terms, the change reflects the reduced use of

reserve currency elsewher

export volumes and

downgraded price tags on im-

sterling as a trading and

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per cent.
"Since sterling turnov

enrencies, However, sterling's con-

trend for the trade gap was "broadly flat", pointing to quarter-on-quarter figures as ports and exports. A spokesman said: "This is robust guide to long-term good news on the price front." nents. Between Janu

of trading in other currency The size of the foreign exchange market is causing headaches for central ingly concerned about the banking system posed by what they consider to be a failure by banks to "mea-sure and manage expo-

Earlier this year the BIS called on commercial banks to improve their procedures for monitoring their exposure through the for-

eign exchange market. The bank was founded in 1930 to promote co-opera-tion of central banks and to national financial operations. The Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, is on the board. market through the growth

> per cent from the previous es timate of 2.5 per cent. • Fears that America's cen-tral bank, the Federal Reserve, might be forced to raise interest rates were revived yesterday by figures suggesting the economy is picking up speed.

> New home sales were higher than expected in April and there were signs that businesses were poised to top up depleted inventories.

Clarke confuses hope with reality



Edited by Alex Brummer

"HE Chancellor's claims that Britain is top of Europe's premier league of economies must be taken with a pre-election pinch of salt. While the UK can draw much succour for the praise heaped by the OECD upon the microeconomic reforms of the last 15 years, this is not the last word.

In terms of the immediate outlook the OECD has confirmed what has been evident from the last Budget: the 3 per cent growth forecast was too optimistic; output this year is likely to be a less exciting 2 per cent. This is unlikely to be enough to have any great effect on jobs, but will affect the projections for public finances, already struggling with a shortfall of VAT and

corporation tax receipts.

The growth pause does not mean, however, that the UK is heading into recessionary territory. The general assump-tion is weak export markets in Europe are behind the slowdown and they should pick up again as Germany recovers, on the basis of interest rate cuts already taken and a weakening of the Ger-

The conventional wisdom shared by the OECD is that the consumer side of the UK economy, perhaps assisted by recovery in housing, is going to sustain this upturn. Inter-estingly enough, the OECD does not rule out some easing of monetary policy — perhaps a further interest rate reduction — if momentum does not

occur automatically. Where the OECD and some of the other reports on UK competitiveness this week coincide is on some of the tradieconomy. Despite the growth seen in this economic cycle. Britain continues to be let

down by lack of investment.
The OECD notes that total investment spending in 1995
was much lower than in the was much lower than in the 1980s (although that data were conflated by a speculative housing and property boom). What is more worrying perhaps is the failure of domestic industry to match the enthusiasm of overseas investors which have targeted the UK.

The same factors which caused the OECD to praise the UK economy are also those which allowed Britain to climb up the world competitiveness league of the Davos-based World Economic Forum. It is when the more subjective indicators, such as — is a demiled run down of skills and training, are added each side's strengths and as they were by the interna-tional institute of Management Development in its report on Tuesday, that the UK starts to fall down the economic league. Quite sensibly, this has been the focus of the Gordon Brown Tony Blair | zerland won't make the quar-

that a combination of struc-tual reforms in the 1980s and the devaluation of 1992 has given Britain as a whole perhaps the most favourable eco-nomic background of low inflation, sound public finances and steady growth for three

decades.
These are all highly virtuous developments. But the failure of industry to invest ers to spend, in line with pre-vious UK experience, means that the energy which drives the feel-good factor is abso-lately absent from the economic picture.

Pitcher's pitch

NITED Utilities, the first of the integrated water-electricity suppliing out what it considers the excess costs when it brought together North West Water and Norweb.

line hit of £123.8 million for the integration of the two businesses, which will result in a loss of 2,500 jobs by the end of the century. Mean-while, shareholders can look forward to an ever increasing dividend stream. This is not quite the stakeholder company that Sir Desmond

Pitcher describes. What, however, is most fas cinating about the Pitcher pitch is not the grandiose viion of a super-utility, supply ing everything from gas to te-lecoms, but United Utilities thoughts on upstream supply.

It believes that by being a specialist distributor it can like Tesco and Sainsbury in the petrol field, pick and choose its alliances among electricity-gas producers and form alliances if necessary to provide the best deal to

It is certainly a more creitive approach than that of the generators, which thought control of downstream distribution would provide all the answers.

HO would be a soccer manager, now that Euro '96 is here? Bad enough to have the boys from the tabloids' back (and front) pages poring over the team's performance, both on and off the field.

Now the stripey shirts in the City have joined in. The economics team at SBC Warburg — there's a clash of loy-alties, with England and Swit-zerland playing each other in the tournament's opening match — has produced its

own form guide. Sandwiched between the serious bits — a guide to mon-etary union, albeit couched in sporting terms, and an assess-ment of the economies of each of the qualifiers for Euro '96 weaknesses. Did you know, for example, that Spain beat Bulgaria 13-0 in 1933?

The bank is keeping the identity of its soccer pundit a

closely guarded secret. Not surprising. She reckons Switter-finals. Still, that's indeeconomic strategy.

The irony for the Tories is pendent analysis for you.

Utilities in turmoil: While one water firm fights to stand alone another seeks to create one-stop shop

Seekers after leaks . . . Bid target Southern Water received a pat on the back from the industry watchdog Ofwat for its 'leakbuster' teams' success in reducing seepages without huge capital outlay. Just over 15pc of the 110m gallons of water supplied every day is now lost through leakage, compared with 30pc at privatisation six years ago. PHOTOGRAPH STEWART GOLDSTEN

South West shores United seeks powerful allies up bid defences

OUTH West Water Showed that its bid de-fences were in good order yesterday with better-than expected profits and dividends, £6.9 million in cus-tomer rebates and a three-

year pensions holiday.
Two competing bids for
South West Water, from Wessex Water and Severn Trent,
are being scrutinised by the
Monopolies and Mergers
Commission Commission. South West chairman Keith

South west charrasm keith. Court made it clear yesterday that his company had no intention of capitulating if the hids are cleared. "These approaches were unsolicited and remain unwelcome," he The Exeter-based group

backed its case by unveiling full-year profits up by 10.5 per cent to £109.1 million, while the final dividend is up by almost 14 per cent at 20.7p a share — making a total of 30.5p for the year. West Windows The group has the highest at 671p.

water and sewerage charges, partly because it is respon-sible for a large number of It now reckons that customers should be allowed a share in the benefits of its improved

performance and will make a £10-a-household rebate later this summer. For boliday-makers, there is the good news that 128 of the region's 133 bathing beaches are up to European Union standards. According to its latest actu-arial valuation, South West Water's two main pension funds had a £36 million surplus at the end of April which means that the group will not need to make further contributions until 1999. The pensions builder will be ween.

sions holiday will be worth £4 million a year, according to finance director, Ken Hill. Mr Court was confident about the group's prospects. "Our utility business made substantial, sustainable econ-omies and has moved ahead of the efficiency targets."
On the stock market, South

West Water shares were up 8p

to survive energy free-for-all Big player in North-west wants to offer householders more services under one

corporate roof. Chris Barrie reports

ATER and electricity when exceptional costs of group United Utilities \$123.8 million, mostly associated with last year's takeover with power generators and of regional electricity comgas companies to strengthen its market position for the start of competition in the supply of energy to households in 1998.

As further proof of utility recoverage, intentions in offer recoverage.

companies' intentions to offer several services under one corporate root, chief execu-tive Brian Staples said alli-ances with generators and gas trading companies would help his group cut costs and manage margins. Tentative discussions had been held with other companies.

Mr Staples was speaking as United Utilities announced a dip in pre-tax profits of 4 per

Electric. United Utilities said it was ahead of its timetable for delivering £140 million of cost

livering \$140 million of cost savings — greater than planned — from the merger by 1999-2000. Over 75 per cent of this year's £34 million target was already secure.

The utility division will shed 1,160 jobs this year. 30 per cent of which have already gone. The facilities management division is due to lose 300 posts. Overall. pany Norweb, are excluded. United Utilities included a special dividend to increase its payout to shareholders by 28 per cent to 32,860 a share last year. Chairman Sir Des-

management division is due to lose 300 posts. Overall, some 2,500 jobs will be cut across the group by 2000. Mr Staples said the company had not been aggressive in its "people downsizing", but shareholders wanted mond Pitcher promised real dividend growth of more than 11 per cent a year. In what will be seen as an encouragement to other utili-ties contemplating mergers, Mr Staples said the supply of gas, water, electricity and te-lecoms would be concentrated in the hands of between six early returns and staff needed an end to uncertainty. Redundancies were being made on a voluntary basis.

Investment increased by and 10 large groups once United Utilities announced a restructuring was complete.

Scottish Power, the electriccent to £272.6 million, on turnover of £1.83 billion. However,
underlying profits rose by
35 per cent to £464.2 million on mea-

been outbid by regional electricity company Southern ing a drought.

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It is operating a hosepipe
ban but was confident of maintaining supplies despite low reservoir levels. Leakage has been cut from 33 per cent to 25 per cent. Norweb Gas lost £600,000 or

a turnover of £17 million due tions and adverse gas con-tracts. The company said it had gained valuable experi-ence in the South-west where trials into the competitive domestic market are under way. United Utilities remains committed to selling Nor

web's contracting, retail and generating interests, and its process equipment division, raising more than 2350 million.
The company's shares fell 15p to 580p. City sources sug-gested the fall was a correc-

tion after several days of bid speculation in the sector.

• Mid-Kent Holdings, which includes Mid-Kent Water, yesterday announced profits up by 48 per cent to £12.3 million,

Pyramid 'crooks' caught in Net

Mark Tran in New York

The Federal Trade Commission has cracked down on a company which placed an advertisement on the World Wide Web promising an irresistible deal: send in \$250 (£167) a month, ait back and enjoy a monthly return of more than \$5,000, without

lifting a finger.
The FTC described the case

as the biggest fraud yet un-covered on the global com-puter network with the al-leged swindlers taking leged swindlers taking Fortuna after police in Bel-\$6 million. This brand new, hi-tech scam is as old as Me-complaints.

thuselah," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protec-tion. "Behind all the techno-NE of the oldest con tion. "Behind all the techno-itricks, the pyramid jargon and the mathematical selling scheme, has mumbo-jumbo, this is just an elaborate, electronic version of a chain letter." The FTC has frozen the as

sets amassed by the five exec-utives of Fortuna Alliance, based in Belligham, Washington, who had moved \$3.5 million into offshore banks in Antigua and the West Indies. According to the FTC, For-tuna also provided advice and promotional materials for members to set up their own

web sites to recruit others to the pyramid scheme. The FTC moved against

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EU attacks Visa plan to curb rivals

Julie Wolf in Brussels

ISA International was warned yesterday that Brussels will oppose moves to prevent member banks from offering rival credit and charge cards, such as American Express.
"We really think that there

is a problem with this . . . and we cannot accept it," Karel Van Miert, the European Union's competition commis-sioner, said of proposals which are expected to be considered by Visa's board of di-rectors in Montreal next

The commissioner was sending Visa, the world's biggest credit card issuer, a clear signal that it risks running into trouble with Europe's anti-trust authorities if it goes ahead with the plans. "Since the board meeting is taking place, I think we need to clar-ify the situation. One cannot expect that we can just live with it." Mr Van Miert said.

American Express, Dean Witter Discover & Co and Diners Club have all filed complaints with the commission, arguing that the proposed changes in Visa's rules winder EU competition regularity. violate EU competition regu-lations. In March. Visa's board asked its management to draw up rule changes for consideration at next week's

The Visa move follows a change of strategy at American Express to offer its cards through banks instead of direct to consumers. American Express executives say customers in Europe favour a relationship with a bank

when choosing a card. American Express is already marketing its cards with banks in Portugal. Greece. Israel and South Korea. But the possibility that Visa may change its rules has made it harder for the company to make further

We're absolutely delighted about Mr Van Miert's remarks," a spokeswoman for American Express said. The company was negotiating that preventing banks from with a number of banks in Europe that are interested in restrict competition. They offering Amex cards and was contend that American Exvery hopeful about the out-

Visa International, which

Van Miert's comments, marketed independently. pointed out that his remarks did not represent a formal commission decision on the on Germany for seeking to matter. "We have not and transfer the power to vet would not propose anything mergers away from the comillegal," it said in a statement.

change would be on the board's agenda next week, saying only that the organisation was reviewing its competitive strategy.
Dean Witter, part of the US

to offer its Discover card in Europe but says it is considering such a move. Although banks in the US

Tokyo taxes 'hit whisky'

EXPORTS of Scotch whisky and other European spirits are expected to win a boost from an imminent ruling by the World Trade Opposition that Japan's Organisation that Japan's tax system unfairly penalises foreign imports, writes Julie Wolf.

A disputes panel set up by the Geneva-based WTO has upheld a complaint filed by the European Union against Japan, European Commission sources said yesterday.

Hugh Morison, director-general of the Scotch Whisky Association, welcomed reports of the decision. "We hope that Japan will proceed rapidly to implement the findings," he said

The EU argues that Japa-nese taxes on imported whisky, vodka, gin, brandy and rum are up to seven and rum are up to seven times more than taxes on the Japanese rice-based spirit, shochu. The panel, whose draft report is not due to be published until early July, found that European spirits competed directly with shochu and should receive similar tax treatment the EU sources. treatment, the EU sources

said.
Although the EU won a case against Japan's alcohol taxes in 1987, the changes introduced by Tokyo did not go far enough in eliminating dis-crimination, according to Brussels.

Under the WTO's rules. Japan has the right to ap-peal against the panel's findings. If it loses the ap-peal, it must implement the report or face sanctions.

from issuing American Express and Discover cards since 1991, there is no such restriction in the rest of

world.
Visa officials have argued offering rival cards would not press is seeking to limit competition by reaching accords with banks to offer cards that appeared taken aback by Mr have up to now only been

Mr Van Miert also launched an outspoken attack mission to an independent A spokeswoman declined to merger authority. "On behalf confirm whether the rule of the commission, I say we

are going to fight this idea." He rejected the contention of Germany's cartel authority that commission rulings on mergers are political. "A European cartel authority Sears Roebuck group, has yet | wouldn't be any more independent than the commission." he said.

Germany has asked for the issue to be put on the agenda of the EU's forthcoming interthat are part of the Visa network have been prohibited governmental conference.



It's a deal . . . Liffe chairman Jack Wigglesworth (left) and Stock Exchange chairman John Kemp-Welch sign the agreement to lease the Exchange trading floor, PHOTOGRAPH GRAHM UPNET

All change at the Exchange, as members back switch to automatic order-driven trading system

Patrick Dogovan City Editor

PLANS to restructure the London share market took another step forward yester-day when the Stock Exchange announced that proposals to introduce "order-driven" trading had won the support

buy and sell orders for the top | that this was because "larger | ties must be agreed with the | to their own capital.

100 FTSE shares. No firm date | trades, as a result of their risk | market regulator, the Securi | The market revier has been set for it to start. But trading with the exist-ing "quote-driven" system.

whereby market makers post

bid and offer quotes on their trading screen, will continue for other stocks. announced that proposals to introduce "order-driven" trading had won the support of member brokers and institutions.

The move will involve a new system of trading based on the automatic matching of phone. The Exchange said sproximately nine months after formal confirmation of the final proposals."

Consultation over technical details will continue with market participants, with a deadline for responses set for July 12. Further technical!

ment the new trading services approximately nine months

profile, cannot easily be acco-

market regulator, the Securities and Investments Board.

modated via an order book". It added: "Feedback made it in a separate announce-ment, the SIB yesterday pubclear that the majority of the lished a discussion document on the market changes, say-ing that relief on stamp duty should be required for market market will be able to impleparticipants providing liquidity in share dealing. Under the current system, market-makers are exempted from stamp duty — 0.5 per cent on the value of a share deal — to

The market review follows the acrimonious sacking of the former chief executive, Michael Lawrence, Mr Law-

rence lost the support of many in the City because he attempted to push through reforms without consultation. Meanwhile, the Exchange vesterday confirmed that it had finally signed a deal to lease the unused trading floor to the London International Financial Futures and Op-

Troubled fashion retailer talks takeover turkey with Texans

Pauline Springett

speciality fashion shops run by Stephen Hinch-liffe, confirmed yesterday that it was negotiating a reverse takeover deal with Texas American Group.

"The outcome of the talks depends in part on the outof Texas American. Facia is continuing to talk to other parties," a spokesman said. William Grosvenor, chie executive of Texas American, said he had been talking to Mr Hinchliffe for two months and expected to be able to value Facia in a month.

Texas American was cre ated in 1967 but had been a so called shell company until a couple of years ago when i

company. It has a listing on the US Nasdaq exchange al-though it is run from Mr Grosvenor's London offices. Mr Grosvenor, a former PR executive, said the company was "relatively debt-free with a fairly solid asset base of around \$160 million (£104 million)" - including hotels in Spain and Portugal, time-share apartments and a Hun-

tingdon goif course.

Freeman Hardy Willia, Sock Shop, Trueform, Contessa, Salisburys and Red or Dead. The company is beset by difficulties. Recently Mr Hinchliffe is believed to have tried to raise £40 million to

upgrade shops. Facia is also prosecution by Companies he said.

Facia is the second largest | House unless it files account privately-owned retailing for last year by July 1 and Mr group in the UK. The 1,000 Hinchliffe faces possible disstore chain includes Saxone, qualification as a company director by the Department of Trade and Industry. Mr Grosvenor said he was

aware of the publicity sur-rounding Mr Hinchcliffe. "I wouldn't be human if I said I wasn't concerned but Mr Hinchliffe is perhaps being

such as the shoe shops he ac quired from Sears and the Salisbury accessories chain,

allow them to succeed be-

cause of priorities elsewhere.

The conglomerates Tom-kins and Williams Holdings

began their rise by acquiring

companies which owners

were glad to let go for a song because they looked hopeless.

But more often, a business

regarded as hopeless by its owner is just that.

investment in the business

A stock market quotation is not a panacea, as all the

Facia's difficulties have

can be turned round. That is sometimes true

Stores chief placates angry shareholders

HOUSE of Fraser chairman Brian McGowan told disgruntled shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that sales in the first 17 weeks of the year were 5 per cent ahead of last year, on a comparable basis. But he warned that profit margins would not improve during the current six months. Shareholders, dissatisfied with last year's halving of profits, complained that the stores were dull and com-

pared badly with rivels.

One investor congratulated the board on selling the D H Evans store in London's Wood Green — because the shop was now wall run. Another suggested the poor performance in womensweer could be due to an all-male board. The agm was told that new chief executive, John Coleman, was carrying out a full review of opera-

Tomkins' US deal held up

TOMKINS, which makes a broad range of products from bread to handguns, warned that its effort to gain US regulatory approval for its 2773 million purchase of Gates Rubber, the world's biggest maker of automotive belts and hoses, is moving slower than

The City believes Tomkins needs to clinch the Gates purchase to keep its profits growing but its shares rose 6p to 253p when it said profits for 1996 would be up by at least 7 per cent. Tomkins said it was experiencing patchy growth in some markets, but planned to lift the dividend by 15 per cent as a sign of confi-

Large groups sometimes fail to spot the potential of their small businesses, or do not Redland profits warning

THE Redland building materials group warned yesterday that its profits for the first six months of the year would be "well down" on last year. Trading conditions had improved, but it would not recover the lost ground in the second half of the year, Rudolph

Agnew, the new chairman, told the annual general meeting.

Bad winter weather in Europe had contributed to a "substantial" fall in results for the first quarter, he said. While better weather had helped sales return to expected levels since the end of March, the underlying level was still below those of last year in most European operating companies. — Tony May

French carrier seeks links

AIR France, the French state-owned carrier, said it was in talks AIR France, the French state-owned call lier, said it was in talks with at least four leading US airlines about a possible transatlantic alliance and hoped to have an agreement by the end of the year. "We confirm that we are in discussions with a number of US

companies," said a spokeswoman.

Discussions are most advanced with American Airlines.
United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Continental Airlines. The aim would probably be to extend Air France's network in the United States and engage in other forms of co-operation. Air France, which hopes to be privatised in late 1997 or early 1998, is also exploring co-operation with Asian carriers and signed last year an agreement with Japan Airlines. Renter

LIG plans more disposals

CONDOM and rubber glove maker London International Group, whose best known brand is Durex, yesterday unveiled a 72.4 percent rise in pre-tax profits to £36.2 million for the year to the end of March. Chief executive Nick Hodges said restructuring would continue applicable in the shape of further disposals. continue, probably in the shape of further disposals.

LIG said operating profit was hit by a £7.8 million increase in marketing. The company recently bought US condom maker Aladan for £46 million and expects to make several smaller acquisitions this year. — Pauline Springett

GM chooses Thai plant

GENERAL MOTORS said that Thailand had been chosen over the GENERAL MOTORS said that Thailand had been chosen over the Philippines as the site of a \$750 million (£500 million) manufacturing plant that will be the US car maker's first in South-east Asia. It will be built by German subsidiary. Opel, drawing on production systems developed in Eisenach, eastern Germany. Thailand and the Philippines had both lobbied hard for the plant, which is expected to employ 1.500 markers. expected to employ 1,500 workers. — Associated Press

iSS cleans up problems

ISS, the Danish group best known for its contract cleaning operations, is to take a \$100 million charge against its US business to cover a combination of alleged accounting irregularities, overstated profits and insurance liabilities. The group said yesterday it is changing its accountants in the US and is seeking a new chief financial officer for the American subsidiary as the previous incumbent "has left the company" — Mark Milner incumbent "has left the company". - Mark Milner

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When big spells bad news OUTLOOK/Roger Cowe warms of difficulties ahead for Facia

Building a big business looks easy. Lord Hauson did it, just by a few takeovers which shot his company from obscurity to the top of the pile between the

mid-1970s and mid-1980s. Others have done it by hitting on a good idea and ex-ploiting it to the full. The supermarket chains are an object lesson of rapid growth in a short time. If it were as easy as it looks,

however, Lord Hanson and his ilk would not be so wealthy, Facis would not be desperate for funds, and there

would be more successes.

But for every Lord Hanson there are plenty who never made it. Think of Coloroll, the wallpaper company which fizzed through the 1980s like a maket but collapsed within a rocket but collapsed within a few years of gaining a stock market quote

The late 1980s produced many such examples. Some are now recovering strongly, such as Burton and Next. Others are not, for example Brent Walker — which still struggles on under the burden of £1.5 billion of debts and last week announced losses of more than £400 million — and Sock Shop, which fronically was one of the first purchases | belief that poor businesses.

of Facia's founder, Stephen Hinchliffe. Then there are the likes of

BET, which was buying a company a week in the mid-1980s. It paid the price earlier this year when Rentokil fore-stalled its recovery. Rentokil is one of the few groups which have made a success of rapid and repeated acquisitions. All these examples illustrate why it isn't easy to build a big business quickly.

Growth is difficult to manage and difficult to finance. Next, for example, was opening stores and new product lines at such a rate in

the late 1980s that the company did not know what was profitable and what was not. Sock Shop similarly ran out of control. In the case of Brent Walker.

were just too great. Burton and other casualties, assumed the good times would continue to roll.

been exacerbated by the fact which makes it more difficult to raise money. Finance is critical to a fast-growing company. Even if it is successful it needs a constant supply of cash to fund expansion, in addition to the normal needs for

debt was the killer. Debts taken on to buy pubs and the William Hill betting chain That illustrates another factor common to failure - overoptimism. Brent Walker, like

quoted company failures il-lustrate. But it provides a means of building on a suc-cessful base. First, the shares can finance acquisitions, which avoids adding to debts. issued to raise extra cash.

But there is one all-important prerequisite - the business must be successful to

F&C plans £200m sale

Patrick Denevon

NVESTMENT group For-eign & Colonial yesterday announced it is consider-ing selling a 50 per cent stake in its fund management subsidiary to Hypo Bank of Germany in a deal worth an estimated £200 million.

F&C is thought to be tempted to sell the Foreign & Colonial Management (FCM) subsidiary because recent expansion has made fund management far less important to the overall business.

Other parts of the business.

particularly within its Ger-

man operations, are now handling the deal for F&C, F&C's main source of income. Analysts yesterday described the estimated price as a handling the deal for F&C. said in a statement: "Discussions are at a very preliminary stage and a further analystage and a further analystage." "tempting deal".

Sale negotiations are under-stood to have been delayed because of FCM's recent £53 million acquisition of the electricity industry's pension saenleud

Hypo Bank, which has had a 50 per cent holding in FCM for the past seven years, is anxious to build up its presence in City fund management. Under the terms of the deal, Hypo has first refusal on the F&C fund management stake.

Lazard Brothers, which is

nouncement is unlikely to be made for some time".

The proposed deal is the latest in a wave which has been reshaping the City fund management industry. A number of well-publicised deals are currently in the final stages of negotiation.

Fund managers are scrambling to build up ever bigger businesses because of a widespread fear that only the biggest portfolios will have enough critical mass to compete in the growing global

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Racing

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Carson ban lifted by Irish stewards

free to ride Bint Salsabil in next Friday's Vodafone Oaks after yesterday succeed-ing with his appeal to the five-day ban he recieved for wearing an unapproved hel-met at The Curragh last week. The decision overturned the suspension given by the local stewards after the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 1,000 Guiness, won by Carson on Ma-

The jockey can resume race-riding next Tuesday, when a current bon imposed by Lingfield stewards over his injudicious riding of Kamari expires.

Again giving the broadest

hint that retirement is on the horizon, Carson said after yesterday's hearing: "I am very excited. I can now look forward to Epsom next week, which might be my last Oaks. "The stewards have been

very kind to me. I wore the wrong helmet by mistake, it was not deliberate that the wrong one was packed in my bag. I was worrying about other things on the day."

Carson's appeal was lodged on the basis that the local stewards reached an incor-rect decision based on the facts given to them and they

Mais 2,000 jumping win-

ner when Robert's Toy landed the Eaton Bishop

Novice Chase at Hereford last night, writes Ken Oliver. The Somerset trainer,

who had his first winner in 1977, said: "I'm very relieved, it's been hard dur-



Carson . . . fair bearing

cality relating to a notice regarding skull caps inserted in the Irish Racing Calendar. in their official announcement of the verdict, the stew-ards said they were satisfied that Carson had ridden in a skull cap with a lesser specifi cation than that currently

required under the rules. But they noted that, "the technical specifications for all approved skull caps were in-accurately defined in the notice to all trainers and riders regarding skull caps in the Irish Racing Calendar of March 7 1996."

The officials warned Carson to be more careful in future to ensure that he meets then imposed too severe a penalty.

It is believed the appeal was successful owing to a techni-

dous ride. It looked as

though Lowawatha would win when taking up the running before two fences out but Robert's Toy res-ponded well to win by

Sprint Handicap after finishing second to Limerick Princess at Haydock last Friday. Trained by Roy Bowring, who has his horses in great form and was on the mark with Aquado at Carlisle yes-Pipe reaches 2,000 winners terday, Maiteamia has im-proved steadily this season ARTIN PIPE saddled | will certainly celebrate tonight."
David Bridgwater gave
the 7-4 favourite a tremenand is due to take another 7lb hike up the ratings from tomorrow as a result of his

France.

month.

Limerick Princess (4.20), meanwhile, escapes a penalty for the Haydock win, which came in an apprentice race, and she looks another likely winner at Catterick.

Bath tonight

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Carson was represented by the Naas-based solicitor

As Carson got the yo-ahead for the Oaks, a significant

is virtually certain to contest the Prix de Diane at Chantilly

Luna Wells gave trainer Andre Fabre a fifth consecu-

A million miles from the Classic scene, Catterick pro-vides the best bet at today's

five fixtures when Maitea-mia (3.20) makes a quick

reappearance in the Wensley



Derby date . . . High Baroque takes on the French in Sunday's classic

High Baroque to run in French Derby

Derby at Chantilly on Sunday at cost of £32,938 each.

Peter Chapple-Hyam, who trains the unbeaten High Ba-roque, also has Astor Place and Polaris Flight in the race. A maximum field of 15 will contest the mile-and-a-half race, which has seen the en-

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Micheletto have been supplemented for the French taire, due to back problems. Olivier Peslier, who was High Baroque Oliviero, Hoist due to ride Loup Solitaire, is To Heaven and L'Africain now expected to ride

Stratford (N.H.) tonight

Radevore. Helissio, who won the Prix Lupin, is expected to start a warm favourite. The 15 accep-tors are: Dark Nile, Radevore, Water Poet, Ragmar, Arbatax, | cost of £5,270.

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Michy (18-1), 16 ran. 1, 15. (8 Woods) Yoler (4.4); 2, Lardna. Gold (5-1); 2, Bandous (4.5); (170, CL40, 22.10. Dani F: C14.10. (16-1), 3-1 law Agum. 10 ran. 15, 10. (16-0), 3-1 law Ag Trie Tiss_90. CSP: ET.44. Tricast Cl83.85.
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4.20: 1, AQUADO, J Quinn (10-1); 2, Cult To The Mar (0-2); 2, Tropical Beach (8-1)

4,60: 1, ROYAL BOPHESSON, A Cul-hamp 6-4 lav); 2, Huffbeak (6-2); 2, Can-paspe (7-4), 6 ran. 3, 3, Bárs M Reveley) Tota: 52 70; 51.10, 52.30, 51.50, Oral F: 55.60, Trio: 55.20 CSF: 51.84 Tricast: 529.70, NR: Great Oration. PLACEFOTI CISS. 10. QUADPOTI CISAL 2.50: 1, MAOIC CARDENSEL, J Furthing (5-1); 2, Meden (8-11 fav); 3, Dérendyse (7-4). 4 ran. 15, 3 (M Johnston) Tota: 05.20. Outsi F DA.50. CSF: U9 18. UTTOXETER

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6.80: 1, GANIPATH, D Waish (11-2): 2, Cherry Dec (14-1); 2, Rum Calcidate (20-1). 13-8 fac Nitical. 18 ran. 4, 6 (N Turision-Davies) Tole: 25.60; 21.80, 53.70, 55.10, Dual F: 25.60, Trio: 218.40, CSF: 263.72. PLACEPOTI 521.60. QUADPOTI 57.70.

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FRENCH OPEN: RUSEDSKI WILTS IN THE HEAT WHILE RIOS WARMS TO HIS TASK

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Stephen Blerley in Paris

REG RUSEDSKI, Brit-ain's adopted Cana-dian, spends much of his time talking about "the big points". His obsession is understandable, for they currently pass him by like soap bubbles in a breeze, cluding his every attempt to pluck them out of the air and wonder at their fragile

Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion, Rusedski had ample opportunities in the second set to stretch the German. But every time a chance arose it was Stich who walloped home the telling service or ground stroke. So Rusedski lost this second-round match

6-3, 7-5, 6-3. Stich, the world No. 16, is still feeling his way back after an operation to cure ankle ligament problems. Rusedski knew his best

rolonged encounter. Court One at Roland Gar-Court One at Roland Garros is almost circular; it transfixed by his prowling grace and lethal scowl. ambiance and yesterday was suffocatingly hot. Ru-sedski never looked com-fortable; Stich, in cream top and cream shorts, was a

study in coolness. Rusedski, as the England cricketer Kenny Barrington once famously remarked, was frequently caught in "two-man's land". On grass, carpet or cement he instinctively clambers in after his first serve, but the red clay obvi-

"I don't think he is sur what he is supposed to play on clay," said Stich. "Actually he has to play serve-and-volley if he is to have a

This is certainly true while Rusedski's basic ground strokes remain so inherently insecure. When-ever a long rally developed there was a 95 per cent chance Stich would ulti-

mately win the point. The German has worked extremely hard on his own ground shots and although his serve remains a wonderfully potent weapon he is not solely reliant on its immense power. He did,

though, serve 15 aces. home and prepare for Wimbledon, where last year, wearing his now discarded Union Jack bandanna, he reached the fourth round.

After the drama of Andre Agassi's exit and the fluctuating match between Pete Sampras and Sergi Bruguera, the atmosphere yesless frenzied.

Thomas Muster, the reigning champion, was out early on the Court Suzanne Lengien, seeing off France's Gerard Solves 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 without breaking sweat, and later Steffi Graf, looking wonderfully relaxed, beat Australia's Nicole

Bradtke 6-2, 6-2. Muster, having seen one of his betes noires, Carlos Costa, beaten the previous day, must have been doubly delighted to see Stefan Edberg comfortably beat another Spaniard, Carlos Moya, who best the Austrian in Munich this year.

Greg in | The good, the bad and the not so ugly kid from Chile

Richard Williams at Roland Garros on the 20-year-old Marcelo Rios, probably the next bad-boy superstar of world tennis

HEN Marcelo Rios heard John McEn-roe say that he looked like a girl, be stopped shaving. At the French Open this week, with his dirty-brown skin, his green-and-yellow cat's eyes, his bandy legs, a silky black pony-tail halfway to his waist-band, and his newly acquired stubble, what he looked like was the last and meanest gun-fighter standing between Clint Eastwood and a happy ending.

The probable next super-star of world tennis is, wait chance of winning was to for it, a spoiled brat whose keep the match going as sulks and tantrums are long as possible. The fact that he lost his opening service did not bode well for a handed talent. And the schoolgirls of Paris were out

> As Rios, the ninth seed, dismissed the second-round challenge of Jason Stoltenberg in straight sets (6-4, 6-3, 6-3) yesterday, the air was so thick with teenage hormones that you could have caught them with a tennis racket

Like McEnroe his. temper is on a hair-trigger. When the 1993 world junior champion made the tour, he brought along a reputation as a world-class racket abuser

Scuffing his sneakers angrily in the red dust and darting that greeny-yellow glare across the net, the 20-year-old Chilean was doing nothing to underplay the turbulent charisma that seduced not just the schoolgirls but the suits of Adidas and IMG, who believe they have a phenomenon on their hands.

Rics joined the tour 21/2 years ago and arrived in Paris this week shortly after confirmation of his new standing as the 10th-ranked player on the tour computer list Just to put him into historical context, the speed of terday along the Bois de his progress into the top 10 Boulogne was altogether has outdone Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi and is exceeded only by Jimmy Con-nors, Bjorn Borg, McEnroe

and Boris Becker. Like Agassi, Rios trades on a fast draw. He takes the bail early, using his speed of eye and foot to starve his opponent of precious decision-making time, giving his punched forehand ground strokes a power remarkable for a man standing a mere 5ft 8in and weighing only 10 stone.

Like McEnroe, his temper is on a hair-trigger. When the 1993 world junior champion graduated to the ATP tour he brought along a reputation as a world-class racket abuser.

For Rios, or at least the ver-sion of him that he chooses to display, authority exists only to be questioned. And questions are there to be stared down until they shrivel and perish. Yesterday in Paris the French tennis journalists awarded him their annual Prix Citron for non-cooperation. Even the Chilean repor-ters who follow him around the world, anxious for scraps to feed to the adoring millions back home to whom he represents the long-awaited heir to Luis Ayala (a finalist here in the 1958 and 1960 singles), are given only the surliest response.
There are things you don't say to Marcelo Rios. You don't tell him he looks like a

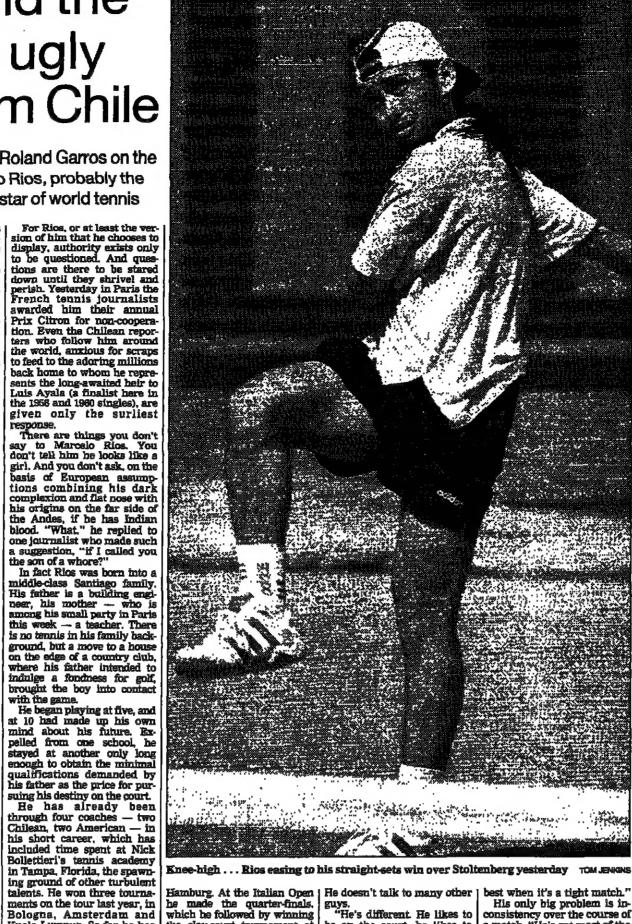
girl. And you don't ask, on the basis of European assumptions combining his dark complexion and flat nose with his origins on the far side of the Andes, if he has Indian blood. "What." he replied to one journalist who made such a suggestion, "if I called you the son of a whore?"

In fact Rios was born into a middle class Santiago family. His father is a building engineer, his mother — who is among his small party in Paris this week — a teacher. There is no tennis in his family background, but a move to a house on the edge of a country club, where his father intended to include a fondness for golf, brought the boy into contact

He began playing at five, and at 10 had made up his own mind about his future. Expelled from one school, he stayed at another only long enough to obtain the minimal qualifications demanded by his father as the price for pursuing his destiny on the court. He has already been through four coaches — two Chilean, two American his short career, which has included time spent at Nick Bollettieri's tennis academy in Tampa, Florida, the spawn-Bologna, Amsterdam and Kusia Lumpur. So far he has yet to make a mark on the Grand Slam tournaments and will give Wimbledon a miss this year, having been knocked out by a qualifier in

the first round in 1995 For the past three months his coach has been Peter Lundgren, a big Swede who left the tour a few months ago after a respectable career. Both IMG clients, they were brought together to see if the chemistry worked.

"He was looking for a coach who could play with him at a pretty good level," Lundgren said this week. "I went to see him in Tampa and we played for four days. He liked me, I liked him. I think the other coaches were a little bit too old for him. He needs to have somebody younger who's been playing on the tour. Then it's easier for him to understand." Since than Rios has been a finalist in Barcelona and a semi-finalist in Indian Wells, Monte Carlo (where he beat Becker in straight sets) and



the clay-court tournament at

Lundgren sits in the stand with a small yellow-covered notebook, carefully logging each winning or losing shot according to type. "Not all coaches do this," he said. But I like to be able to see what he's doing well and doing badly so that we can talk about it afterwards. And at practice next day I can see if he's thinking about it or not

thinking about it." Inevitably, Lundgren defends his player's personality.
"He loves the game," he said,
"but he doesn't like fame. He's very honest on the court. And he's much better than when I started with him, throwing his racket and such. Okay, he still does it, but not as much.

Unpopular with journalists. Rios is said to have few friends among his fellow players. "He likes to walk around by himself, or sit with me, or

be on the court, he likes to a match. "He's got most of the practise, and he likes to hang strokes, and his game is

out at the club, watching the matches. He doesn't like to be in the hotel room. The Swedish guys, when they'd finished practising they'd want to get dressed and go, stay away from the court. Marcelo is very interested in what's going on.' Lundgren doesn't see Rios's

lack of height as hindering his rise through the top 10. "He has such good hands, such good feel. If he'd been a guy who has to work a lot for every shot, then it would be different." There is an obvious parallel with a top player of similar stature. "Michael Chang is an unbelievable player but he has to work hard for every shot, fight for every point. Marcelo doesn't look like he's trying sometimes because he's so

That's why he's so good. "He reads the game very well and he's very strong on his trainer. He has his small | the big points. He's not afraid group of people that he likes. to go for shots. He plays his

pretty solid, but he does lose concentration. Well, he's only 20 years old. And he's learning that you can't give points away to a guy like Thomas Muster. He played Muster twice; the first time he played well, the second time he lost his concentration [for] a couple of games and the match was over. So when we prac-tise I tell him to concentrate on every ball. I tell him that Connors and Borg and those guys, even when they were down love-40, they always tried to come back in every

In the Manichean universe of modern sport, where good and evil do battle for the entertainment of many and the enrichment of a few, the commercial value of Marcelo Rios's bad-boy scowl could hardly be more obvious. Neatly fitting the dominant theme of post-war popular culture, it may soon be staring down the whole world.

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Fixtures

(7.30 unless stated) Rugby League Soccer

League gains **Nationwide** support

HE Football League yes terday put itself under 25.25 million Nation-wide protection, only for the building society to find nega-tive vibes already rattling the

windows.

Even such a solid financisl institution as Nationwide, it seems, cannot escape the fallout from the scandal of English and the scandal of English land's aeroplane vandalism.

The fact that the prime suspect is such a high-profile player as Paul Gascoigne, whose 29th birthday celebrawhose 29th birthiay calebra-tions allegedly resulted in \$5,000 damage, has inflated the adverse publicity. After the record three-year

sponsorship deal was an-nounced, Nationwide's chief executive Brian Davis admit-

executive Brian Davis admit-ted: "Our timing was a little bit unlucky with this story." Davis joined the wide-spread criticism of the FA's fumbling response to the aerial episode. "What's hap-pened is very silly and should have been better managed," he said. "By the sound of it they had a bit of a wild party on the plane. It sounds very on the plane. It sounds very bad news. The FA will have to look into it and take the right action."

But, overall, "this is the right time to join forces with the national game," Davis insisted. "We're aware that in business, as in sport, there will be incidents. But we have to look on the positive side."

tract with Endsleigh Insurance, which expired with the play-offs this week. Endsleigh wanted to renew the partnership but is understood to have found the price too high.

The League's bargaining power was strengthened by the recent five-year, £125-million television deal under which more than 60 live games a season will go out on Sky Sports from August. Highlights will be shown on

"The national game has a very strong image. And the audiences all round are get-

ting bigger."
Gordon McKeag, the
League president, conceded
that the financial gap with the Premier League was "not bridgeable" but he believed that the TV and sponsorship deals would give the 72 member clubs a sounder financial base and help and talk of a breakaway to a Premiership

second division.

"We certainly hope that any dissension will be in the past," said McKeag, "and we hope these deals will cament things between all the mem-ber clubs. We've put together a package that gives our clubs the opportunity to stand on their feet."

In return for its backing Nationwide, which will be Britain's biggest building society when the Halifax be-comes a bank early next year, to look on the positive side."

The Nationwide deal represents a 75 per cent increase on boards at every ground, on the League's previous £1 mil-lion-a-year three-year con-match balls and team shirts.

FA given seven-day deadline

THE FA has been given of illegally selling 1,300 seven days to avoid tickets for Euro 96, but being sued by the National Sporting Club. Steve Hamer, a NSC di-

rector, was arrested and

charges were dropped 11

an defer

days later. Hamer says: "The FA and the Met Police have exactly imprisoned for three hours on April 30 after a police raid. The NSC was accused | redress in the courts."

Bitter-sweet in the Orange Bowl

Patrick Glenn sees hope for the Scots

■AUSTINO ASPRILLA's remarkable goal for Colombia seven minutes from the end inflicted an undeserved defeat on Craig Brown's Scotland squad at Mismi's rain-lashed Orange Bowl. It was their third defeat in succession in a series which also embraced Denmark in Copenhagen and the United States in Connecticut, but at last they gave their anxious followers encouraging portents for Euro 96.
Asprilla was aided by a

lapse in defensive concentra-tion from Boyd and McKimmie but the Newcastle strik er's finish, taking the ball wide of Goram on the right and driving it over the line from a tight angle, demonstrated his class.

Until that moment Goram

had been what the Americans would call the game's Most Valuable Player, giving a virtuoso performance behind a defence which looked sound and composed. The Rangers goalkeeper highlighted his general excellence with two astounding saves, both high to his right from Valencia and

Goram, starting an interna-tional for the first time since December 1994, may look over-weight and indeed is rarely at peak fitness because of rickety knees, thighs and hips, but he has such superb technique

player who could be called world-class without a blush. He revealed that, three days before the match, he thought despite a 1-0 defeat he had no chance of playing.

"It was all down to our doctor, Stuart Hillis, and our physio Eric Ferguson," he said "The hip I damaged in the Scottish Cup final meant I hadn't trained for a fortnight. but the massage and the doc's

pills got me ready."
There is little doubt that in front of Goram were the ceniral defence and midfield that will start Scotland's campaign in Group A of the European Championship. Boyd, Calder-wood, and Hendry, who played only the first half in order to protect an ankle, looked familiar with one another and Tosh McKinlsy confirmed in the left wing-back position that he is the most effective purveyor of menacing crosses into

opponents' areas.
The midfield of McAllister. McCall and Collins had strength as well as craft and guile, and in attack Spencer showed the intelligence and game appreciation that is required at the highest level. McColst, who missed the best chance of the night, better than that from which Asprilla scored, seemed less than fully

fit.

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BARRY FRY is poised today to make his latest

Fry is poised to buy Posh



signing — by taking over Peterborough and becoming owner-manager of the Second Division club. Fry, dismissed by Birmingham three weeks ago,

is determined to be master of his own destiny by pay-ing between £750,000 and £1 million to lead a new regime at London Road. Derby have signed a second Croatian interns tional, the midfielder Aljosa Asanovic, from Hajduk Split for £950,000. He joins Igor Stimac at the Premier-

Fry . . . owner-manager bid ship newcomers.

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Louis 5, Colorado 5,
AMERICANAL LEAGUES Milmadres 7, Minnescu 8 (12 innings): Toronto 5, Chicago
8; Karnasa City 4, Detroit 5; Torons 5, Circeland 4; Caldand 7, Boston 6 (10 innings);
California 4, NY 0; Seattle 9, Baltumore 8

Cycling

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ice Hockey Note: Stanley Cup play-offs Wostern Conference final: Colorado 4. Doiroit 1 (Colorado win series 4-2 and will lace Pitoburgh or Florida in Stanley Cup (final).

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleloro v Warrington First Division: Pochdale v Widnes, Second Division; York v Prescot, ALLIANGE: Salford v &t Helens (8.0).

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Rugby Union

Tigers snap up Dwyer

EICESTER, runners up in league and cup this year, yesterday confirmed that Bob Dwyer, the man who coached Australia to their World Cup win five years ago, will be taking up a post at Welford

Road in July.

Dwyer, who has been coaching the Racing club in Paris, will be Leicester's director of coaching, working closely with the current firstteam coach Ian Smith, who will also have a full-time position at Welford Road from

The rest of the coaching restructuring will be finalised when Dwyer visits Welford Road the week after next. But the appointment may encourage Tony Russ, sacked from his job of coaching director two months ago, to pursue his legal action against the club. The dismissal of Russ, who

became one of the game's first full-time coaches when he joined Leicester six years ago, shocked many followers of the best-supported club in Britain, especially as it came a week after they had reached the Pilkington Cup final. It cast a shadow over the

nainder of the then Cour-

with Neil Back's six-month ban for pushing the referee in the cup final.

Many of Russ's tasks at Leicester had been taken over by Peter Wheeler, who became the club's chief executive early this year.

Wheeler preferred yester-day to talk about Dwyer's ap-pointment. "We have trawled the world for the best and are pleased that Bob has agreed to come to the Tigers to further professionalise our coaching set-up," he said Meanwhile, Paul Turner,

another casualty in the game's often painful switch to professionalism, has become a couse célèbre at Sale. The 37-year-old former Wales fly-half was dismissed as player-coach last week while on a tour of Italy with the Northern Division

A group of Sale members, angry at the dismissal, will now call for the executive committee to be ousted at the club's annual general meeting on Wednesday week. Sale have promised to hon-our Turner's contract, which

runs until the end of next sen-son. He has attracted the attention of Courage league rivals but may return to coach in Wales.

● Roger Looker, chairman of Harlequins, has been ap-pointed as the League One club's first chief executive.

Langer takes a grip on defence

Michael Britten in Hamburg

ERNHARD LANGER B may temporarily have lost his consistency but his resilience remains gloriously unimpaired.

Five days after surrender-ing his Volvo PGA title when he suffered his first failure to qualify in 69 tournaments, the German rebounded with an opening 66 when he began his defence of the Deutsche Bank Open here yesterday:
It immediately made him

favourite to secure a 10th European victory in his home country, although New Zea-land's Frank Nobilo set the pace with an eagle and five Langer's inquest on his Allenby also found birdies in cricket season.

Yen'tworth mishap pin- plentiful supply to shoot 66s. The famous Nevill Ground

Wentworth mishap pin-pointed a poor putting stroke as the principal reason. Further investigation by the meticulous German revealed that a new grip on his club was three inches longer than the one it had replaced. Yesterday he had trimmed

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the excess, and immediately regained his touch on greens where last year he had shot under par and lead from start to finish.

or the shaft stiffer," he said. "But once I had removed it I got a much better roll on the ball and I had my best putting round for a long time."

Langer had only 26 putts in placing seven birdies on his card, after a shaky start in which he had to hole four which he had to note four successive par-savers from around six feet. Sweden's Jarmo Sandelin was at the other end of the

putting spectrum, having con-verted to a broom-handle club. He conjured the same return from a course notable for its generous fairways and easy-paced putting surfaces. Richard Boxall and Lee Westwood, the Scandinavians Oyvind Rojahn and Per Ny-man, and Australia's Robert

plentiful supply to shoot 66s.
Colin Montgomerie, who
took out his new "lofty" Ping
putter, had little to celebrate. He had three birdles in his first five holes, but three putts at both the 6th and 14th sent him to a 71 on what he termed "a stale day".

Mark Roe had a 68 and then announced he had withdrawn from the US Open, where he was the leading European in 13th place last year, because to finish.

"The extra rubber might have made the putter heavier where he finished 126th.

Johnson putts her way

David Henderson in Pinehurst, North Carolina

TRISH JOHNSON would rather have spent the past three years watching her beloved Arsenal than playing golf, but she rediscovered the form of better days with an opening round of 71 yesterday in the US Women's Open Championship at Pine

Her one-over-par return put ber within a stroke of the early leaders, the Americans kris Techetter and Jenny Lifeback, but more importantly restored some of the confidence she has lacked since winning twice on the US tour

Johnson was hailed as the greatest threat to Laura Davies's supremacy when she enjoyed a golden two weeks

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three years ago with victories in Las Vegas and Atlanta. She also had 12 top-10 finishes in

since finishing 10th on the US money list with \$331,000 (£220,000). She slumped to 102nd in 1994 before rising to 68th last year. It not only put pressure on her golf but on her pocket. She admitted: "It has been

the most horrid three years of my career. It looked as though it was ready to take off and then it nosedived and I don't know why."

Johnson has always been something of an erratic driver but it was the putter which let her down most. Now a tip from the young Australian Karrie Webb has restored some of her confi-dence. Webb, leader of the US rankings, suggested Johnson line the putter up to the hole before addressing the ball. "It worked immediately

and just the ball disappearing in the hole on the practice green brought my confidence back," Johnson said. "Karrie won \$65 from me when we played together earlier this week but it was worth every

back to prominence 15 events.
But she has suffered a series of disappointments

Preston, who played his first championship match at Ilford this month.

"Life got tough financially "Life got tough financially when I lost my form. I am like Laura Davies: when I win money I tend to spend it I have mortgages on two houses to pay sud. It did get difficult, particularly during the winter with no money coming in at all. But I would rafher sell one of my houses than give up my season ticket to Highbury."

Johnson enjoyed the best of the early-morning conditions. the early-morning conditions. A blustery wind was forecast to gather strength later when

second consecutive major

title after her LPGA Champi-

onship win three weeks ago.



Kent v Sussex

Summer brings no relief for Sussex as Kent find young fire

Paul Wouver at Tumbridge Wells

SUMMER finally remem-bered itself here yester-day, throwing off its drab incognito and stepping out in vivid colours, a little co-quettishly, into the English

rhododendrons are still in coy hiding but yesterday the marquees and flags rus-tled in the warm wind and children in shorts formed queues for Mr Whippy and Walls, if not Wells. For Sussex it was just another bad day at the office.

They won the toss, chose to bat and were bowled out for 142 in 62.3 overs. Kentpassed that in the 28th over with two wickets down, though at the close they were likewise in some trouble at 200 for six. Kent's inexperienced

attack bowled a consistent line to an aggressive field. The humidity helped the ball to swing but there was less seam movement than the green-looking pitch promised, and Sussex should have put more pres-sure on the seam bowlers Ben Phillips, making his first-class debut, and Nick

It was Preston who made the breakthrough, baving Bill Athey lbw shouldering arms at 28. And after Jamie Hall was out to Mark Eal-ham at 38, attempting to pull a ball not short enough for the stroke and splicing for the stroke and splitting it to mid-on, Preston bowled Martin Speight and Sussex were 46 for three. After missing last season Speight, potentially a most exciting player, has made a poor start with scores of 16, 20, 11, 13, 24, and 10.

29, 11, 13, 24 and 10.

Alan Wells, who would have come in earlier if he had not been in the smallest room in the pavilion, came in at five but was fourth out at 55, also mis-pulling to mid-on. After that there could be no recovery, although Vasbert
Drakes top-scored with 23.
Kent raced ahead as Carl
Hooper, who lost the ball
with a straight six off lan
Salishury and Trevor Salisbury, and Trevor Ward put on a hundred in 14 overs, but they lost three wickets in the last two overs and Danny Law, who bowled with heart and pace to take four wickets, gave Sussex some consolation. • Graham Thorpe made his third first-class century in six innings with an

unbeaten 158 yesterday as he steered Surrey to 382 for seven off 104 overs against Derbyshire at The Oval. Dominic Cork took three 21-6-50-K, BEWER 240-11-0. M P Vaughan, M G Bevan, A McGrath, C White, †R J Blakey, A C Morris P J Harriey D Gough, C E W Silverwood, R D Stemp. Livenpires: J C Baldaraone and A A Jones. for 64 in 23 overs despite temporarily going off with a muscle spasm in his

Middlesex v Yorkshire

Ramprakash rises to challenge in style

David Foot at Lord's

ARK Ramprakash's proximity to Test status can at times like this seem tantalising. Here he put the early-season inistrations - a rib-muscle injury and a sequence of low scores — behind him to restate a serious claim to be an England batsman. By the time be pick

Scoreboard

ception assertive and techni-cally correct. It was his 30th century, four of them against Yorkshire — including a career-best double at Leeds last summer Above all he is a neat player. He cracks the ball

through the covers with an innate style not bettered by many. There were 10 hundreds from him in 1995, when

menace to help the bowlers. By then Paul Weekes had been taken at the wicket, as he pushed forward, and Jason Pooley had left his bat in a vertical position, choosing

quite the wrong delivery from Darren Gough to ignore.

an easy wicket that offered no more than a trace of early

It is not a risk-taking business when you make your county debut. Jason Harrison wrong ball from Peter Hartley 2,000 runs. Only success at the decided to go at his own to leg and was bowled higher level, for whatever he had made 134. His 24 reason, cruelly eludes him. He was stuck on five for 35

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This measure three policies are assured for a county shamplonable drive but because points remain as before, in the first 120 owners of each side's first in-along. Battlings 200 rams (1 point); 250 (2pth); 300 (3pth); 350 (4pth); 360 (4pth); 360 (4pth). The news (2pth); sires (4pth). The new hall one still be below after 100 overs. A so hall is worth two roms to the battling side; pract scored of? a Tour match

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Starting today MAIN ROOG. TROPHY (one day: 11.0) Southempton: Hampshire v Somerse Shenleys MCC YCs v Surray, Unbridge CCs Middlesos v Mines County

Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

Tempers boil as champions feel the heat

Mike Selvey at Northampto

OR some seasons now Warwickshire and Northamptonshire have welcomed each other with the Sort of bonhome with which Saxons greeted Viking invad-ers. Friendly it ain't In 1990, for instance, Curtly

Ambrose was disciplined of his Boys' Book of Bowling after bowling beamers at Dermot Reeve. Ten months ago.

with Warwickshire on their barrage of short stuff at Mal relentless way to the champi-onship, Allan Lamb took Northants to Edgbasten and, against the head, won one of the finest ding-dones in memory, "It was like a little bit of war out there," he said

Hostilities continued unahated yesterday: bouncers galore and a warning for Shaun Pollock; a non-stop dis-play of invective from Warwickshire's wicketkeeper Keith Piper that carned the disapproval of David Capel and a wigging from the um-pires; catches disallowed and

some corkers taken. There were good runs, 76, for Russell Warren — no rabbit, this — 57 for Capel and 55 for Kevin Curran. Five wickets were pickpocketed by Reeve, cheeky as a chipmunk. All in all a pretty dull day at the County Ground. Brilliant. By the end it was North-amptonshire who held the upper hand; by virtue of some

clubbing forthright stroke-play and a little luck they made 314 before being bowled out. It left Warwickshire 14 first ball, and Dominic Ostler | Warwickshire.

depart, again to a catch at the wicket from a ball of added

speed and lift from Craig

Yorkshire's resurgent pros-

pects are a matter for elevated

hearts at Headingley right now. The academy's gradu-

ates are vying for inclusion and Chris Silverwood is said

White

If it was tough for the players, though, it was tougher for the umpires, particularly Tony Clarkson, in his first year on the list, who must have wondered whether he should have been a librarian instead. His lunch had hardly had time to settle when he warned Pollock — the pages

correctly it seemed, two slip catches, both of which he leemed to have come from the batsman's forearm; nei-

ther decision in the least im-pressed Pollock, who wears a hig heart on his sleeve. Later, when Dougle Brown was bowling to Capel, the batsman, not a whinger by in-clination, felt compelled to sk the other umpire Trevor Jesty to intervene lest Piper's heery chatter leave him deaf.

From a day in the trenches, the most impressive batting came from Warren who, hav-ing made a double century against Glamorgan three weeks ago, opened the batting yesterday and hit 12 fours and a six before a beautiful one two from Pollock - bouncer followed by full-length — saw him late on a forward push and his off stump doing acrobatics.

 Glamorgan's captain Mat-thew Maynard has been fined an undisclosed amount and severely reprimanded by the county for his criticisms of sunlit overs to face the fury of the umpiring during Tues-Ambrose, who by the close day's Benson and Hedges Cup had removed Wasim Khan. quarter final defeat by

This proved a toss to win on | minutes and yet the intermit- | rather haplessly played on to tent off-drive was of genuine merit and he was unlucky to his stumps

Carr and Brown added 57 for the sixth wicket although Brown had a narrow escape when he chased a single and McGrath, at midwicket, hit the stumps. He survived and Mid- Nigel Briers will retire at the end of this season after 25 The opening bataman will be-come Marlborough College's



There's probably one somewhere, around the Fuggles Brewery. But nobody's found it yet.



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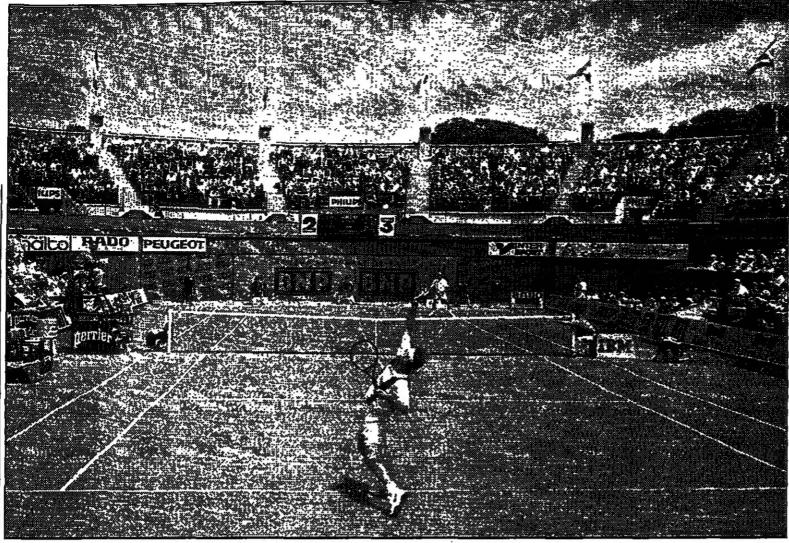
Briton loses way on clay

Stephen Bierley In Paris

RITAIN's remaining hope evaporated in the heat of the French Open yesterday when Greg Rusedski went down in straight sets to Germany's Michael Stich.
"I wasn't aggressive enough," the adopted Canadian admitted after the 6-3.

7-5, 6-3, second-round defeat ended his interest in clay. For a player so depende on his serve, the left-hander made a dire start with a double fault on the first point and lost the opening game. Rusedski found the surface unsuited to his serve and volley approach, saying: "I am

really looking forward to the grass-court season." The defending champions eased through with few problems. Thomas Muster crushed the world No. 171, Gerard Solves of France, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0, and Steffi Graf beat Australia's Nicole Bradtke 6-2, 6-2



British drug cheats Atlanta-bound

Legal threat over state-of-the-art testing may wreck leave machine that in July will be used at a Games for the enring body recently checked live-test problem similar to a leave machine that in July will where the international governing body recently checked live-test problem similar to a leave machine that in July will where the international governing body recently checked live-test problem similar to campaign to keep rogue athletes out of Olympics

HE British Olympic Association could be forced to send athletes it knows are drug lanta because it fears that drugs campaign in the next Chelsea, the samples taken testing procedures using the three weeks with the most will be analysed by the mass most up-to-date technology sophisticated technology

rid the British team of the small percentage of drug takers it believes are compet-ing under its colours, and it will mount an extensive anti-

may be legally challenged in available. Two hundred tests Britain.

The BOA is determined to 313 British athletes who have been confirmed for Atlanta. As well as the normal testing at the International Olym-pic Committee's accredited laboratory at King's College.

be used at a Games for the first time. The machine, which costs

£300,000, is the most sophisticated ever seen, and can de-tect drug use much further in the past than was previously possible. It will be IOC-ac-credited at Atlanta for the first time, but is being used "research" around the world in the next month. Research already carried

the BOA will not be able to prevent them travelling to Atlanta. The BOA will tell athletes of the results and advise told that it cannot prevent athletes going should they insist on taking their places, because of a possible legal back-

> technology involved. the IOC of its suspicions, because the IOC is wary of national Olympic committees who recommend athletes for

lash over the relatively new

a set of old samples. Under the old procedure 11 of the

tests proved positive, but that

figure rose to 75 using the new machine, according to

the secretary of the federa-

tion, Tomas Ajam. However, advisers to the British team admit that even

if athletes test positive on the spectrometer at St Thomas's

"research projects" from their sports, but the Sports Council will not disclose

them. Olympic sources say the

the fiasco before the 1983 Pan-American Games, when new testing technology was introduced and scores of com-petitors either withdrew without explanation or tested

One British team source privately admits that the drugs arbitration procedure might be in danger of collapse if the weightlifting outcome were repeated in other sports. The Sports Council has stepped up its drug testing in nounced a record number of positives among British sportsmen and women this year, with the number of fail-

However, the BOA has signalled its determination to avoid the drugs scandals that have plagued previous Olympics, and the latest campaign will cost it £500 per day. The British governing bodies fear hanging over Atlanta is have already been informed of some of the findings of trap more drug cheats than ever before, and the BOA says it will do everything it can to weed out cheats before

they get to the Olympic

The national marriages made in hell



Frank Keating

OMORROW morning Glenn Hoddle will wake up, say his prayers,
pour his tea, and officially begin his four-year contract as England's soccer manager. He is keeping a low profile till Terry Venables earpers at the end of Euro 96 to spend more time with n'learned friends.

Hoddle this week returned from a honeymoon break with Dave Sexton's England Under-21 squad in Toulon. The two coaches had supper together, looking across the blissful peaks high above the old town. I dare say they took bets on how long the Hoddle hon-

eymoon would last. Thoughts of similar wagers may be going through the mind of the new England cricket coach, David Lloyd. His first days have seemed se renely happy — and not a pot-shot has been aimed yet as his boss Raymond Illingworth continues to wade around, de-flant and pouting, the sitting ducks' pond. The TCCB disciplinary committee has sum-moned Illingworth to attend on June 12 to answer charges over his misbegotten memoir and if Lord's is genuinely serious about it surely Illingworth, who is nearly as proud as he's stubborn, will forgo the humiliation of attendance and waddle off into the sunset.

For Hoddle the omens are not good. Nor, one has to say, for Lloyd. Hoddle's four-year contract is longer than the period Venables served before he did the decent thing. It is far longer than Illingworth's stewardship (even if he hangs on to the end of summer). It is Britain Olympic men's hockey manager could stom-"for business reasons", 53 ures topping 80 for the first days before Atlanta. What is happening in every

one of our grandest team sports? One cannot, surely, biame the chaos all on the tabloids and the patronising smarm of David Mellor and his "first-time caller, Dave" nincompoops on Radio Five's Six-O-Six. Hoddle's four years repre-

sent twice as many as Jack Rowell has so far served. Yet England's rugby union manager and great big enigmati-cally smiling gummy-bear is also, some say, under pressure. What, after only two years which have included one Grand Slam, one Champi one cram stain, one championship and a trip to the World Cup semis? If Hoddle has managed the equivalent by 1998, will "they" be gunning for him? Probably.

As if Twickenham's club-

country rugby future hadn't been closeted in conclaved muddle and mischief enough these past six months, there was a splash-certainty in one newspaper this week that had Rowell being ordered with "strict instructions" from an RFU committee next season "to axe" forthwith Dean Richards, Rory Underwood, Jeremy Guscott and, it goes with-out saying, Will Carling, I don't believe it. If a com-

mittee were autocratically or-ganising Rowell's selection process months before he and his fellow selectors choose their team to play Argentina in late autumn, he would have resigned this week. He is as proud in himself and his record as as Illingworth is cuss-

edly Northern. At least Hoddie's job — with grateful thanks to Alf Ramsey - has no chance of being committee-led. But he should ruminate on bow his own suits and blazers can gang up. just as full of malicious intent as the Fleet Street warriors with the pencil stub on their

Hoddle must enjoy the orange blossom of honeymoon. Snugly warm beds won't last long. He is not an outgoing man, but he's a strong one all right. He is deep and stubborn and he's done it all, and more skilfully than any player he

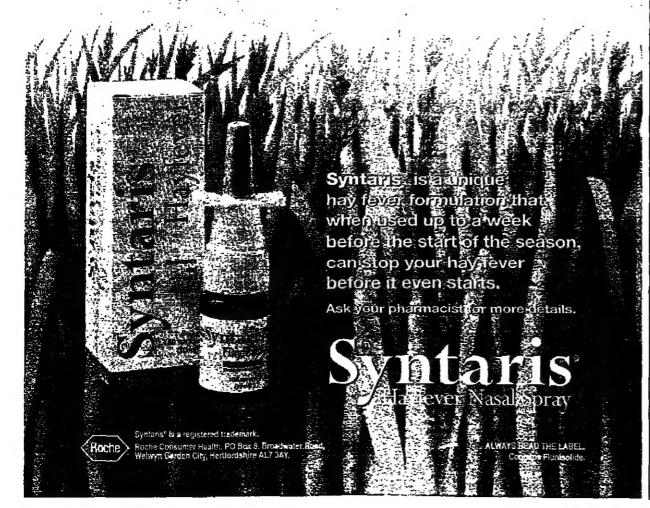
LOYD is different. He has done it all in other ways. A county-slog yeoman for years, England opener on and off but an Ashes tour, three summers as an unmissable radio broadcaster, and another three as an umpire. You love cricket with a passion if you pull on the white coat for three years.

demands some after-dinner speaking. Terry was quite sharp. Jack is good. Glenn will be earnestly solemn and his own man, and why not? Lloyd is also himself. Last month, boring do, he at last got to his feet around midnight. "Thanks, Mr Chairman, we have dined on a beautiful Thermal Lobsterdor. What more can I say?"

Beginning — and end — or speech. Everyone went home

It will be a nation-humiliating tragedy if the snarling dogs are let loose on Hoddle and Lloyd. Before the century ends, let's all grow up. No?

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Like Disneyland, 25 Got rid of head-bolls <u>Across</u> 26 She needs part of their

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9 Go back over by return train (5) 10 Board to settle up-country

11 Honourable directors apparently buffled? (5-5) 12 Mineral packed in metal

canisters (4) 14 Closely investigates way back for servicemen? (7) 15 He is against operation on

model (7) 17 Reinstate some interest or

excitement (7) 19 Drink given to animal through coarse cloth (7)

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20 Stone thrown over the French river (4) 22 Recoil as soldier takes or

energy (5)

27 Highly praise letter about Biblical character (5)

28 Sorely tried a man when pickled (9)

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1 Is she in Standard One? (5) 2 Structural features of

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musical feeling (10) 4 Deeds in bettles (7)

5 Measure lawyers proceed to put a ban on (7)

6 Support that is found in public relations (4)

7 One artist has it turned into a head-dress (5) 8 impropriety of nothing to

drink at end of year? (9) 13 Resistance at work-place (10)

14 Vicarage attendant embracing crime (9)

16 Binding broken net with cord

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